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## Horton wins in run-off

James Horton won the run-off in Castro County for the Democratic nomination for the office of County/District Attorney, garnering 498 votes. His opponent, Jack Edwards, drew 384 ballots.

Also on the Democratic run-off ballot was the position of US Senator. Local voters followed the state trend in favoring Gene Kelly over Charles Gandy, with Kelly receiving 389 and Gandy 208. Unofficial state totals showed Kelly with 58.5% of the vote.

Republican voters cast ballots in run-off races for judicial positions, and followed state-wide trends. In the race for Presiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, local voters favored Sharon Keller with 21 votes to 3 for Tom Price. For Court of Appeals Judge, Place 1, Castro County voters selected Charles Holcomb with 13 votes, to 11 for Guy Williams. In Place 2, Barbara Hervey drew 19 local votes, well ahead of the 5 for Jim Wallace.

The voting box break-down for the County/District Attorney race showed Horton with 78 in the combined boxes for 101 and 105, in the combined boxes of 201 and 206 he had 72, in boxes 301 and 307 he had 163, in box 401 he had 34, in box 408 he took 59, and in early voting he had 92.

Edwards had 45 votes in the combined 101 and 105 box, 40 in the 201-206 box, 127 votes in the 301-307 box, 37 in the 401 box, 24 in the 408 box, and 111 in early voting.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Wow. When people comment to me about my Hall of Fame induction, I find myself (not having had the course on how to respond to such a thing) wishing I could just shrug and make light of it and go on.

But I can't. I have too much respect for my profession, and for those who practice it, to make light of the honor. So all I can do is mumble my thanks.

To be nominated by my staff and elected by my peers is a humbling experience.

When I received this year's Hall of Fame ballot about two months ago and discovered my name on it, I turned it over to our staff and excused myself from the process.

It was two weeks ago Tuesday that I learned of my election.

That was one roller-coaster day. That morning, the doctor called and said I would have to part with my gall bladder soon. That afternoon, as I was checking a page on the make-up deck and feeling sorry for myself, my staff sidled up to me with a card that said, "We knew you were Hall of Fame material all along."

I didn't read our news story about it until it came off the press Wednesday. I knew that if I were to read it

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## And away we go!

During the Ogallala Quilters' Festival's "Intergalactic Fashion Show" last Thursday night at Richardson Elementary School, models stepped into a future in which computer chips become nostalgic ornaments. Here, Sue Haney of Lubbock models a number by Etta McFarland of Hills AFB, Utah, entitled, "INTEL-igence in Outer Space" and featuring a decorated silver sheath, silver cape with multi-colored border, and a mirror-brim saucer-hat. McFarland designed the ensemble on the premise that "future space travelers may find what's left of the great Computer Age—the tiny chip that crippled powerful civilizations in the year 2000." The ensemble is part of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce collection of intergalactic fashions.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Early voting to start April 19

Early voting will start Wednesday (April 19) and continue through May 2 in the May 6 school board elections set in Castro County.

City and hospital elections in the county were canceled, since all candidates were unopposed.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who have filed on the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth school boards are listed below.

### Dimmitt

Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has

filed in Place 1.

### Hart

Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Others filing are Harold Bob Bennett, Vivian Finch, Roy Gonzales, Laura Hart, Manuel Minjares III, Arthur Guzman, and Julie McLain.

### Nazareth

Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker, Jimmy Hoelting, and Mike Huseman.

## Commissioners select bond counsel, advisor

The Castro County Commissioners voted Monday to select the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel of Austin as the county's legal counsel in the process of passing a bond issue to cover construction of a jail.

The commissioners also agreed to use First Southwest Company of Lubbock as the county's financial advisor for the process.

Bickerstaff submitted the highest bid, but also offered the most comprehensive list of services that would be provided.

Bickerstaff bid \$7,500 for the first million in bond funds and \$1 per thousand dollars of additional bond funds, plus out of pocket expenses.

Other bids were received from two Dallas law firms.

Vince Viaille of First Southwest told the commissioners that his firm will work with the county to help figure out which way they want to approach the bond issue and how it would be repaid.

He said his firm also would help with strategies to help get the issue passed if the county decides to put it before the voters.

Viaille said that his firm works strictly on a contingency basis, and if bond funds are not received by the county, then nothing is owed to his firm. He said if bond funds are received, then his company would receive about \$15,000, based on \$9,000 for the first million and \$4 for each thousand over that.

Viaille said that if the commissioners decide to go with a bond election it could be held in conjunction with the general election day on Nov. 7 and could be placed on the same ballot.

Commissioners said they felt that might be a good time, because it would save having a separate election expense and it would increase voter turn-out.

In another matter, the commissioners authorized the Extension staff to obtain bids for renovations to the former Energas building which will be used for office space for the Extension Service.

The commissioners approved a budget amendment for \$35,000 for the Sheriff's Dept. to cover prisoner expenses, including "farming out" of prisoners.

County auditor Maretta Smithson

said that nearly all of the budget amount for prisoner expenses has been spent, although only six months of the budget year has gone by. She estimated that \$35,000 should cover it for the rest of the year.

The commissioners heard a citizen group from Hart that requested information on Hillcrest Road in Hart.

Elisa Diaz asked the commissioners if they knew whether the road was a city or county road. After discussion, the commissioners recommended that the citizens ask the Hart City Commission about the road.

Dr. Leon Joplin was appointed as the county's official rabies control authority. He had agreed to accept the position, since he is the county health officer.

The commissioners agreed to advertise for applications for a Veterans Administrator for the county.

## DISD board sets meeting May 11

The Dimmitt School Board voted Monday night to set their next meeting for May 11 so that the votes can be canvassed from the May 6 school board election.

The regular meeting date for the board would have been May 8, but the votes could not be canvassed until three days after the election.

In other business, the board voted after an executive session to accept the resignation of Janice Stanton, third grade bilingual teacher.

In another matter, board members voted to renew the district's contract with Interquest Canines of West Texas to provide drug dog services for the school district. The 18 half-day visits during the school year will cost \$3,600.

DISD Supt. Les Miller told the board that the dogs and their handlers visit the middle school and high school campuses and the principals

have stated their support in continuing this service.

The budget was amended to reflect expenditures that had already been approved, including \$1,191,209 for roofing, \$23,900 for improvements to the high school tennis courts, \$48,720 for resurfacing the track, and \$19,251.05 for improvements to the fence at the baseball field.

The board voted to nominate the *Castro County News* and KDHN Radio to the TASB Media Honor Roll.

Miller said that each year the Texas Association of School Boards recognizes local media that have a good working relationship with the schools.

"We appreciate your efforts," board president Paul Garcia told a media representative.

## Don Nelson to be inducted into Panhandle Press Hall of Fame

Don Nelson, editor and publisher of the *Castro County News* in Dimmitt, will be inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame at the association's annual meeting this weekend in Amarillo.

He will be honored along with other inductees at the Hall of Fame Luncheon set for noon to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Ambassador Hotel. Other inductees are Nancy Ezzell of the *Canadian Record*, the late J.C. Estlack of the *Clarendon News*, and the late W.R. "Bill" Rutherford of the *Moore County News*.

Nelson, 66, serves at the helm of the 2,500-circulation weekly that has been owned and operated by his family since 1943.

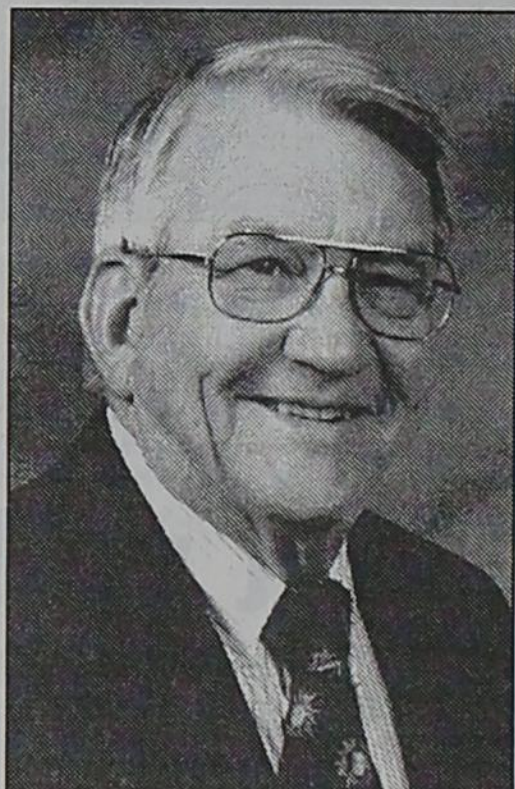
He obtained his bachelor of journalism degree in 1956 from the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked his way through school as a typesetter and served as night sports editor for *The Daily Texan*, the school's student newspaper.

After serving two years in the Army, he was the news editor for seven years at *The Arizona Record*, a national award-winning weekly in Globe, AZ.

Nelson returned to Dimmitt in 1966 to become a partner with his father, B. M. Nelson, in *The Castro County News*. He has been the sole owner of the *News* since his father's retirement in 1984.

Through the years, the *News* has been a consistent award-winner at the regional and state levels. Nelson also has won a couple of national awards for column-writing.

Nelson served as president of the Panhandle Press Association in 1970-71. He served on the UT System Chancellor's Committee of Editors in 1972-73, and was a member of the Texas Tech Mass Communications Advisory Committee many years, including a term as chairman of the journalism subcommittee.

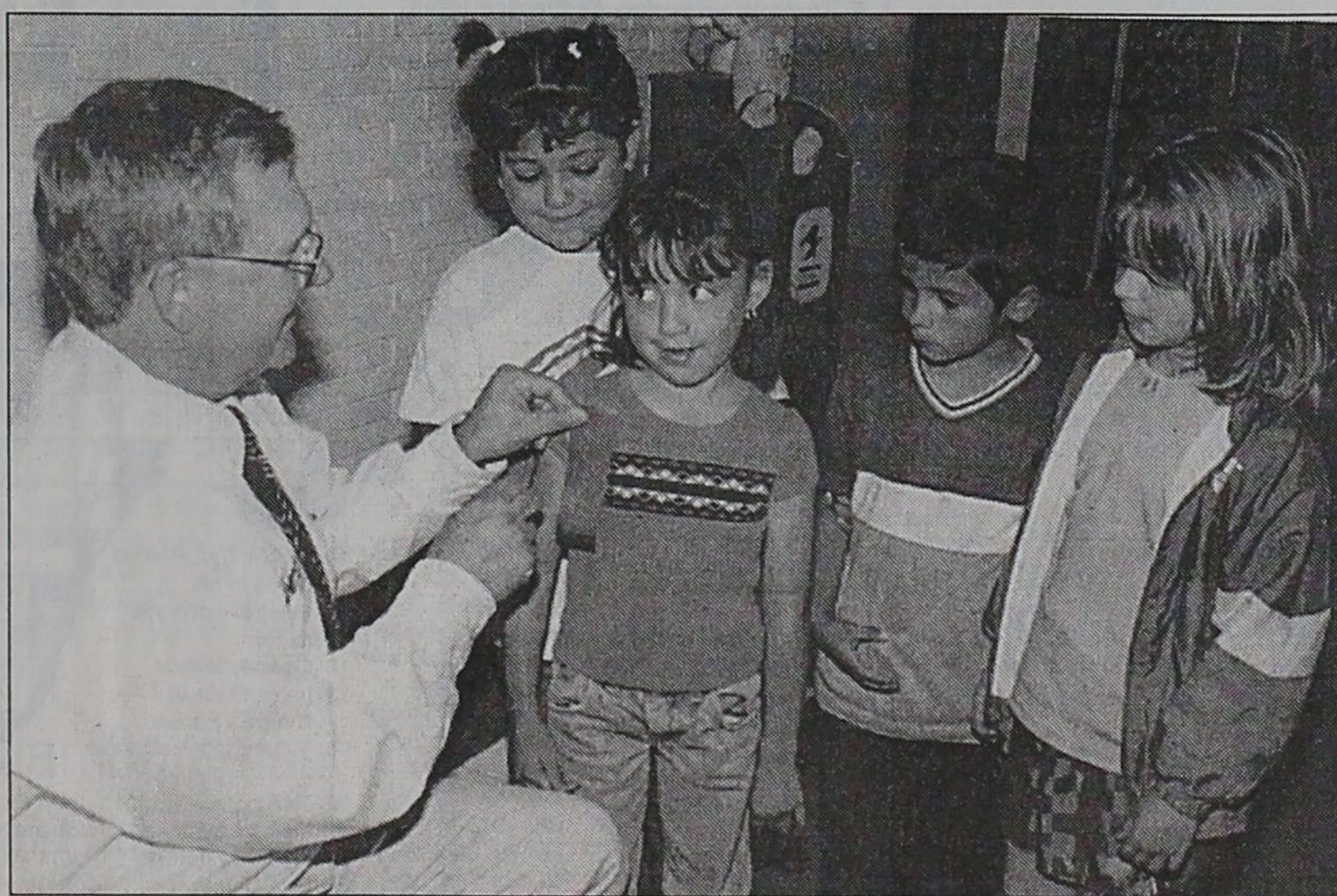


Don Nelson

He is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi) and the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Nelson has always been concerned with the ethics of the profession, especially as they apply to the unique position of the country editor. For the past decade he has chaired an "ethics panel" at the Panhandle Press Association conventions, and in 1996 he performed the same task for the Texas Press Association at its Mid-Winter Convention.

Nelson and his wife, Verbie, have three children: Rev. Connie Nelson of Atlanta, GA, communications and program director of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries; David of Madison, WI, marketing director for Wingra Technologies, a software publisher; and Nathan of Houston, branch manager for *techies.com*, an Internet placement service for information technologists and corporations.



**WEAR A BLUE RIBBON**—Annabel Garcia receives a blue ribbon in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month from Joe Josselet, a member of the Castro County Child Protective Service Board. Waiting for

their ribbons are (back, from left) Elida Favela, Angel Juarez and Ahsley Howell. Ribbons will be handed out at schools, businesses and civic clubs during the month of April.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	84	46	
Friday	82	44	
Saturday	66	27	
Sunday	61	27	
Monday	77	40	
Tuesday	79	43	
Wednesday	48	42	21

March Moisture ..... 3.30  
2000 Moisture ..... 3.37

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



**SURPRISE!**—Joyce Davis (left) and Yvonna Hays of Dimmitt give Ogallala Quilters' Festival judge Sally Hatfield (right) a pleasant surprise when they present her with one of the first of the 2001 American Quilt Calendars, in which the Dimmitt Friendship Quilters' Guild's award-winning club quilt, "There's a Dande-

lion in My Garden," is the featured quilt for the month of August—the second such honor for the local guild. The presentation came at the end of Friday night's banquet and miniature-quilt auction in Richardson Elementary School's west cafeteria. Also enjoying the presentation is Hatfield's husband, Paul.

Photo by Don Nelson



**STENCILING ENHANCEMENTS**—Becky Holly of Midkiff explains how creating and using stencils can enhance quilting projects to a group of quilters Friday morning at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The demonstration was one of several sponsored by the Ogallala Quilters' Guild at the organization's annual quilt festival, which opened last Thursday and continued through Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Anne Acker



**ON TO REGIONAL!** These Hart High School students are getting ready for the Region 1-A UIL Literary Meet, which will be held in Levelland. Three of the four will be competing at regional after placing among the top three at district while the fourth qualified as an alternate. Pictured, from left, are Joey

Pantoja, who qualified in Number Sense; Nikki Burruss, alternate in Prose; Rachel Wall, who will compete in Headline Writing and News Writing; and Amanda Ethridge, who will try her luck in Headline Writing.

Photo by Neoma Williams

# Hart will send three to regional literary meet

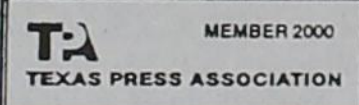
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Rachel Wall, Joey Pantoja and Amanda Ethridge are headed to the Region 1-A UIL Literary Meet after placing at the recent district contest. Wall qualified for regional with a first-place finish in Headline Writing and a third-place effort in News Writing. She also finished fourth in Editorial Writing at the district meet. Pantoja earned his regional ticket by placing third in Number Sense at district.

Ethridge will join Wall in competing in Headline Writing at regional after she came in second at district. Nikki Burruss of Hart finished fourth in Prose Interpretation, which makes her the alternate in the event for the regional meet. Also placing for Hart at district was Daisy Marquez, who was fifth in Prose Interpretation.

Hart High School students accumulated 79 points in the district meet and finished seventh among the schools entered.

*It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.*

# Dimmitt technology students claim top honors at Levelland

Dimmitt High School students displayed their knowledge and talent in a variety of technological contests March 31 as the blew away the competition at the South Plains Technology Students On-Site Competition at South Plains College in Levelland.

Dimmitt earned 31 first-place honors, and finished second with 24 projects at the meet.

Cliff Wright led the Dimmitt effort with first-place honors in Public Presentation, 2-B's or 1-C Engine, 2-C's or 1-D Engine, Rocket Kits, Spreadsheets, NQE-Extemporaneous Presentation, NQE-Prepared Presentation, Control Line Airplanes—Endurance and Control Line Airplanes—Combat.

Here's how the high school students fared in the contest.

- PUBLIC PRESENTATION**  
1. Cliff Wright.
- ROCKET CARS**  
2-B's or 1-C Engine: 1. Cliff Wright; 2. Amber Bell.  
2-C's or 1-D Engine: 1. Cliff Wright, 2. Amber Bell.
- ROCKETS**  
Rocket Kits: 1. Cliff Wright.  
Student Designed: 1. Amber Bell.

- COMPUTERS**  
Multimedia Presentation: 2. Cliff Wright.  
Spreadsheet: 1. Cliff Wright.
- SPEECHES**  
NQE-Extemporaneous Presentation: 1. Cliff Wright; 2. Gina Arredondo.  
NQE-Prepared Presentation: 1. Cliff Wright; 2. Gina Arredondo.
- TESTS**  
Construction Systems: 1. Estela Salazar; 2. Mark Castillo.  
Energy, Power, Transportation: 1. Brandon Burks, 1. Juanita Vasquez, 1. Luis Rodriguez, 2. Mark Castillo, 2. Adam Guzman, 2. Jose Vasquez.  
Engineering Graphics: 1. Jose Vasquez, 2. Mark Castillo, 3. Michelle Pedroza, 4. Laura Cardona.  
Manufacturing Systems: 2. Juanita Vasquez, 2. Luis Rodriguez, 3. Michelle Pedroza, 4. Brandon Burks.  
Principles of Technology I: 1. Ricardo Motezuma.  
Electricity/Electronics: 1. Domingo Rodriguez, 1. Benny Pompa, 2. Alonso Lopez and 2. Gus Correa.  
Computers, Multimedia, Animation: 1. Crystal Lopez.  
Manufacturing Technology: 3. Luis Rodriguez, 3. Crystal Lopez.  
Computer Applications: 3. Gina Arredondo, 3. Anita Rodriguez.  
Communication Graphics: 1. Michelle Pedroza.  
Technology Systems: 2. Adam Guzman.  
Communication Systems: 4. Lupe

- Fierro.
- GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS**  
Energy, Power, Transportation: 1. Adam Guzman, 1. Luis Rodriguez, 2. Estela Salazar, 2. Ricardo Motezuma, 3. Gus Correa.  
Bio-related Technology: 1. Brandon Burks, 2. Michelle Pedroza, 3. Juanita Vasquez.  
Construction Systems: 1. Jose Vasquez, 1. Sandra Reyes, 2. Lupe Fierro, 2. Laura Cardona, 3. Luis Rodriguez.  
Computer Applications: 2. Domingo Rodriguez, 2. Anita Rodriguez, 3. Gus Correa.  
Manufacturing Systems: 2. Anita Rodriguez, 4. Adam Guzman.  
Architectural Graphics: 3. Michelle Pedroza; 3. Laura Cardona.  
Communication Graphics: 1. Domingo Rodriguez.  
Computers, Multimedia, Animation: 1. Domingo Rodriguez.  
Electricity/Electronics: 1. Domingo Rodriguez.  
CO<sup>2</sup> CARS  
Super Stock CO<sup>2</sup>: 1. Amber Bell.  
Research Paper: 2. Amber Bell.  
Research & Design: 1. Amber Bell.  
**CONTROL LINE AIRPLANES**  
Endurance: 1. Cliff Wright.  
Combat: 1. Cliff Wright.  
**CHAPTER CONDUCTING**  
1. Dimmitt.

## What's Cooking

*In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools*

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 6-14.

**DIMMITT Elementary Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.  
MONDAY: Pecan spinwheels, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Banana nut loaf, apple juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.  
THURSDAY: Blueberry loaf, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.  
MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, garlic bread, haystack finger salad and milk.  
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, commel yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or pork rib patty; savory green beans, Chinese style vegetables or seasoned blackeyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, hot rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole

bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potato or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**HART Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast, raisins and milk.  
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, raisins and milk.  
THURSDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, raisins, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, burrito or oven-fried chicken; wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot sticks, green beans, cherry cobbler, fruit cocktail and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans or fresh fruit; salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk,

punch or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or salad; corn, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**NAZARETH Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Sausage and biscuits, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: \* Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, peas, vanilla pudding and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Cheese nachos or chef's salad, Mexican salad, peas, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, corn, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: No lunch served today—early dismissal for UIL.  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.

There are 5,776 stars visible to the naked eye.

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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**The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
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**ACROSS**

- TX Willie once was a \_\_\_\_\_ jockey
- '91, TX Skaggs Alpha Beta became Jewel \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_\_ on a mule"
- Pickens is an honorary TX Ranger
- novel by TX Judith McNaught (2 wds.)
- Valley citrus seed
- TXism for "tantrum"
- TXism: "dab \_\_\_\_\_ on"
- "buenas \_\_\_\_\_"
- this Danny had the lead in "Ruby" ('92)
- Dave "Tex" O'Brien film: "The Yanks Are \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "cut from the same \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX VP Bush's boss Reagan, et al.
- Lithium symbol
- manufactured in Wichita Falls (2 wds.)
- Huntsville's Sam Houston statue weighs 25 \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "dim \_\_\_\_\_"
- Six Flags performer Jay Johnson played \_\_\_\_\_ of Bob & Chuck on "Soap"
- in 1939, TX Connally to LBJ
- init. of 1-across
- "made \_\_\_\_\_ of his time" (inefficient)
- Aikman is spokes-man for \_\_\_\_\_ bricks
- air conditioner gas
- "boot scooting" (2 wds.)
- this James starred with TX Torn in "Steel Cowboy"
- Hobby arrival guess
- U.S. missile def. (abbr.)
- practical jokes
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ drop on a short rope"
- Indian word for Texas
- TX Debbie Reynolds' "The Singing \_\_\_\_\_"
- cable TV network
- Rim State Park
- TXism for "yes" (4 wds.)
- TX Gary Morris' "One Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Takes"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ and save"
- Gov. Ann made a Soviet \_\_\_\_\_ naut an honorary Texan
- sheets in the Gulf
- TX Dixie Chicks' "Shouldn't a Told You \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "too big for \_\_\_\_\_ britches"
- TXism: "me casa \_\_\_\_\_ su casa"
- "made \_\_\_\_\_ of his time" (inefficient)
- TXism: "busy \_\_\_\_\_-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "got Romeo blood in his \_\_\_\_\_"
- they're "upon you" in TX
- Cowboy league
- home state of TX Cynthia Parker
- TXism: "don't cotton \_\_\_\_\_ (dislike)"
- TXism: "a \_\_\_\_\_ of his own medicine"
- TX Pride (init.)
- Ocean, TX
- TX Willie has a house in \_\_\_\_\_, HI
- TX Hagman film: "Getting Away From \_\_\_\_\_" ('71)
- mishaps
- TX Mandrell's "If Loving You Is \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "up \_\_\_\_\_ 'em juice" (coffee)
- this Tarkenton once scrambled against the Boys
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- TX Mary Kay \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Crossword co.: Orbison \_\_\_\_\_
- Dallas program: \_\_\_\_\_-Tree
- TXism: "daintly as \_\_\_\_\_ bride"

# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Jane Vaughn was an overnight guest in the home of Joyce Chisum in Dalhart. The ladies attended the state performance of "Harvey" at the newly restored theater, the "La Rita". The theater was constructed in 1923, which until twelve years ago, stood in ruins. The Dalhart Community Theater group undertook the task of creating a home for performances on stage, lectures, art shows, concerts and holiday parties. The completion in Victorian decor and is spoked of as the most fabulous theater between Houston and Denver.

Loyd and Jane Vaughan spent the weekend in Tipton, Oklahoma with Jane's brothers and their families, the Killabrews.

There is a lot of noise and strong smell of paint at the home of Dorothy Nutt. She is knocking out walls and partitions, having new carpet installed, and is having the kitchen cabinets and woodwork stained. She is also installing new tile in the kitchen and dining areas. Everything should be

finished in a few more days. Keith Hoelting, Troy Kirby, and John Solis have all done a wonderful job.

Bill and Jacque Sava motored to Texarkana recently to represent the family at the funeral of his uncle, and brother of Barbara Sava. Services were at Williams United Methodist Church, burial was in the family plot with his parents. Survivors are two daughters, Donna Kay Harrison of Texarkana, and Karen Foley of Dallas, three grandchildren, and a sister, Betty Choate of Texarkana. He was a veteran of WWII and a farmer and co-owner of Marino on Lake Wright Patmon.

Greg Sava and family are now home in Colorado Springs. He recently finished his tour if duty in Alaska.

Saturday, Jo Settle, Leigh, Aubrie, and Riley Durbin, and I traveled to Seminole to visit my parents. We had dinner at Gomez's, a local Mexican food restaurant.

While eating, we say J'Lyn Ryan, a former Dimmitt resident and teacher. Robin Ryan is continuing his education at North Texas State, and Stephanie Waldo in enjoying living closer to work. Stephanie has two children, Spencer and Rylan. Rylan's first birthday was Saturday. Robert had gone to check on his mother whose health is not great.

On Friday night, Kay Kellar and I went to Amarillo to attend the Texas Panhandle Builders' Association casino night with Jo and Bill Settle.

The event was held at the Tascosa Country Club. A Mexican buffet was served and there was both a silent and a live auction. We came home with several goodies.

Last week I had dinner with Marvin and Gwen Bryant and Gwen's mother, Merle Arthur. Gwen and I compared grandbabies.

Some of the Dimmitt people who attended the "Songs of the Civil War," the last Community Concert in Hereford for this season, were Richard and Mary Beth Berquist. The Berquists have moved here from Phelan, Calif.

Phelan is in a high desert area of southern California. They came to this part of the country to look at some of the small towns and chose Dimmitt as the place they wanted to live.

They go to church with the Methodists.

Others at the concert were Ricky and Donna Kuntz, Ed and Betty Freeman, Billy and Yulia Murphy, Mary Dove and Carolyn Jones.

Ed and Betty Freeman entertained Reginald Burchell Jr. of McAllen recently. Reginald is Ed's oldest nephew and Ed is Reginald's youngest uncle.

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Shelly and Dwayne Smith were treating Elbert and Frances Smith to a fish buffet Saturday. Their daughters, Keshia and Macy; and Frances's mother, Louella Thomas, completed the party. They were celebrating Frances's birthday.

Others at the fish buffet who were having dinner prior to the concert were the W.T. Kings and Deryl Clevengers of Hart.

Some Hereford people held a gospel music concert to benefit James

and Kathy Davis. This was to defray the expenses incurred for James' extended hospital stay recently. James is fighting a battle with M.S., but it is good to report that he is much improved. Kathy may be back checking our groceries at Thriftway soon.

The musical group that entertained at the benefit are the Hereford Barn Church Band, Calvary. Cecil White and Harold Manning were the singles.

Keep Kathy and James in your prayers.

## Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swift Band and their director, Fidelis Fetsch, who received the Sweepstakes Award on Tuesday.

The school has not received this honor since the 1992-93 school year.

The 31-member band received a Division I rating of "Superior" in the UIL Concert and Sightreading competition last Tuesday, along with a Division I rating for the marching contest held in the fall.

Way to go Swift Band and Mr. Fetsch!

The benefit talent show and dinner was held in the Nazareth School Cafeteria Sunday evening with proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

A good crowd enjoyed the meal and a very entertaining talent show.

Winners in the skit division were "The Crew," who are members of the Holy Family Church's Saturday evening choir. Second-place honors went to the 4-H Consumer Club, which presented a skit.

Winners in the music division were "Three Generations of Music," featuring Herman, Greg and Jason Birkenfeld, first place; and Jake Hoelting with a piano solo of music from the movie *Titanic*, second.

There were 14 different entries in the show and all were very good.

Nazareth High School Student Council President Sara Schulte thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked emcee Keith Birkenfeld; Greg and Jason Birkenfeld, who set up the lights and sound system; and Deborah Clinton, NISD principal, for all her work in getting the program together.

Bud and Rita Kern are home from a trip to San Antonio, where they were with their daughter, Patricia (Kern) Butler for nine days after she underwent surgery. Patricia is home now and is improving every day. Her address is Mrs. David Butler, 6138 John Chapman, San Antonio, 78240. She would enjoy hearing from anyone who cares to write.

Mary Helen Stevens, 79, former wife of Victor Kern, sister of Rita Kern and Angela Acker, died March 27 at Farmington, N.M. A wake service and rosary was held Friday

night at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waterflow, N.M. Funeral mass was read Saturday.

Survivors are her husband, Dick Stevens; seven children; a stepson; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother; and four sisters.

Many relatives and friends attended.

Interment was held in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Norman and Stacy Gerber and family recently helped host a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception for Stacy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Averitt of Lubbock, formerly of Hart.

The reception was held in the atrium of the Calvary Baptist Church on March 25.

The Averitts were presented with a keepsake quilt featuring squares decorated by family and friends. Each square depicted various stages in the couple's lives and marriage.

Norita Hoelting of Nazareth pieced the top for the quilt and contributed many neat ideas.

The Averitts also celebrated with a nine-day trip to Israel, visiting the "other" Nazareth, as well as other holy sites.

Frances and Jerri Gerber of Umbarger visited with Leonard and Alvina Gerber in Nazareth on Sunday.

Bobbi and Jayme Schmucker, Mandy Hoelting and Mary Klemman drove to Great Bend, Kan., over the weekend to watch Tiffany Schmucker play in the Jayhawk West Tennis Tournament.

Tiffany won first in women's singles. She attends Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan.

A good group of Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a spaghetti dinner at the center on Sunday evening. All then enjoyed playing cards or dominoes.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Virgil Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman Lee, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Dianne Huseman, Catherine Hochstein, Odelia Schulte and Patricia (Kern) Butler.

## Sperry family will give testimonial Coffee Memorial Blood Center plans anniversary celebration

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is celebrating 50 years of sharing the gift of life this year, and one of the many events planned during the year-long celebration is a luncheon today (Thursday) at 11:45 a.m. at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

Craig and Jennifer Sperry of Canyon whose son, Kirkland, was saved by one unit of blood when he was only two months old, will give a testimonial at the luncheon. Mrs. Sperry is the former Jennifer Brockman, daughter of Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$15 per person or \$150 for a table of 10.

The center will celebrate all of the lives that have been touched by the generosity of volunteer blood donors. In addition, people who work so hard to ensure the blood is there when needed will be honored. Buddy Blood Drop, Coffee Memorial's mascot, also will make an appearance.

National awards from America's Blood Centers will be presented. They include the Platinum Blood Drive Award, which will go to Celanese Ltd.; Silver Blood Drive Award, to the Dalhart community; and certificates of recognition, which will be presented to Pantex, Paramount Terrace Christian Church and NewsChannel 10.

Mary Lyn Halley of KGNC Radio will emcee the program. Music will be provided by West Texas A&M

University and the New Sound Singers from Amarillo High School.

Dr. Russell Long, president of WTAMU and chairman of the board of directors at Coffee Memorial, will speak about the history, present and future of the center.

Assistance for the luncheon was provided by Amarch Corp., McCormick Advertising and Whitney-Russell Printers.

For more information or reservations for the luncheon, call Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

Coffee Memorial serves 24 counties in the Texas Panhandle, including Castro. It provides blood and blood products to hospitals, surgery centers, dialysis centers and skilled nursing homes.

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## Jamboree set at Carlile Theater

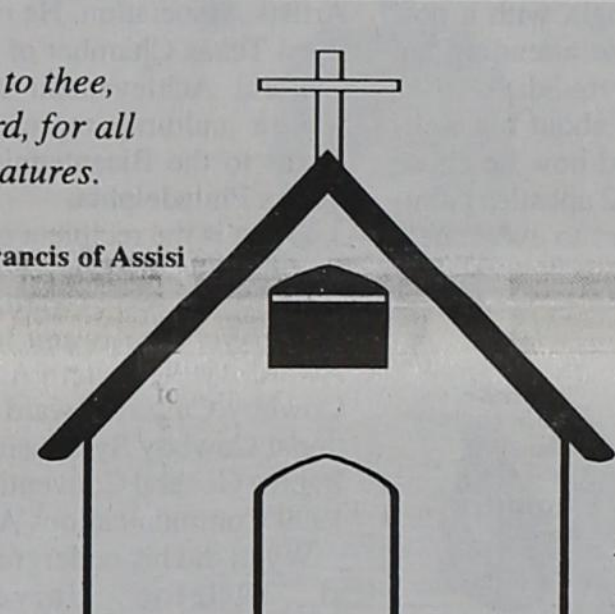
A special "Jamboree" will be held at the Carlile Theater Saturday at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

A female rabbit is called a doe.

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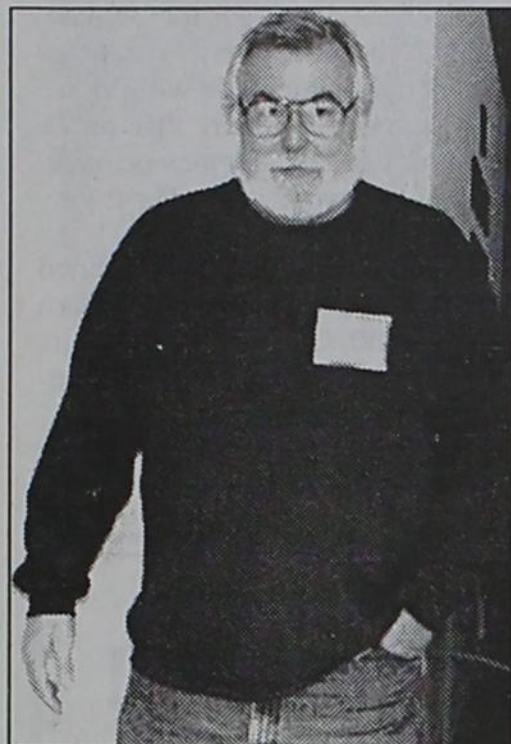
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# People



Bill Sava

## Sava attends workshop

On March 30 Bill Sava represented Castro County as a participant in the Associates Program Workshop sponsored by the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University.

The all-day workshop, "An Introduction to Oral History," emphasized techniques used in arranging and conducting oral histories. It was designed to encourage the collecting of local historical resources by means of tape-recorded interviews.

The Associates Program is a network of local historians working in cooperation with the Special Collection's Oral History Program to acquire and archive oral histories and locate manuscript resources. The Oral History Program administers and coordinates the project; provides training, equipment and supplies; arranges for publicity; and provides cataloging, indexing and permanent archival storage for oral history tapes and manuscripts.

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## Hospice Care plans candle-lighting ritual

A special memorial service and candle-lighting ritual conducted by Hospice Care will be held to "honor the memory of loved ones."

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will hold its "Celebration of Life" service on Monday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Traditionally, this service has been used to honor the memory of persons who were on hospice service.

"This year we would like to include anyone in the community or surrounding area that would like to honor the memory of a loved one," said Vicki Buckley, director of Hospice Care.

Jim Hardwick, hospice pastor, will share a short lesson on *Depending on God*.

"We want this to be an uplifting service—a celebration of the life of your loved one," Hardwick said.

Candles will be lit in the memory of persons who were on hospice care during the last year.

If anyone would like to have a candle lit for a special person who was not on hospice care, please call

647-3785 to notify the hospice office of your wishes and arrangements will be made.

"We really want to emphasize that everyone is welcome to attend," Buckley said.

## FUMC scholarship forms are available

Applications are now available for the scholarships offered each year by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The applications may be picked up at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. They must be returned by 4:30 p.m. April 20.

Applicants must write an essay and include three letters of recommendation. Details are included with the application.

The scholarships are available to all students planning to attend college in the coming academic year, not just those who are high school seniors, a church spokesperson said.

## Reception will kick off week-long showing of Kenneth Wyatt's work

The Promised Land Network will present "Ordinary Spirituality," an evening reception with Tulsa artist Kenneth Wyatt, Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile building in Nazareth.

The event will begin with a potluck meal, and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

Wyatt will speak about his well-known paintings and how he chose the models for the 12 apostles painting and how it relates to everyone's spirituality.

Wyatt's art work will be on display at the Home Mercantile from Sunday through April 21.

Awards and honors have followed Wyatt. He is the founder and first president of the Texas Cowboys Artists Association. He received the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement Award and was a cultural representative of Texas to the Bicentennial Celebration in Philadelphia.

Wyatt is the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelical Award, Tulsa's Man of the Year Award, George F. Hixson Fellow Kiwanis International Award, 1999 Western Art American Cowboy Culture Award by the National Cowboy Symposium, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas 1999 Communications Award.

Wyatt did his undergraduate work at Tarleton University in Stephenville and at McMurry University in Abilene. His graduate work was completed at Baylor University in Waco and Liff school in Theology in Denver, Colo.

He received his doctorate of fine arts from McMurry University in Abilene.

Wyatt is best known for his western and Christian art; however, his landscape, portrait, still life and character study work is among the best.

His painting, "Offer them Christ," observing 200 years of Methodism in the United States, brought him international recognition. This lithograph now hangs in over 91 countries. Reproductions of the "Twelve Apostles" are acclaimed and owned by many churches throughout the country.



## Who's New

### OUT OF TOWN

Wayne and Elizabeth Schacher of Westminster, Colo., are the parents of a baby girl, Rianna Nichole, who was born April 2 at 7:42 a.m. in Louisville, Colo. She weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20½ inches long. Big sister is Kayla, 2½. Grandparents are Dick and Shirley Schacher of Dimmitt and Walt and Sue Kotas of Westminster.

Unless someone messes up, heavy traffic tends to keep itself at a speed of about twenty-two miles per hour, the speed that allows the most cars to use a road at once.

You need one person for every thirty cows to run a self-sufficient dairy farm.



THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN—For the second time in two years, these quilters from Midland and Odessa made new matching quilted vests just to wear at the Ogallala Quilters' Festival. Here, they pose with their Dimmitt hostess, Lorann Hamilton (fourth from left). The quilters, from left, are Nita Wright, Hazel

Cozart, Gerrie Hollowell, D'Anne Martin and Patty Tarver. They're all members of the Midland Quilt Guild and the Bee Friends Quilters. "We really enjoy Dimmitt," Tarver commented. "We're already making plans to come back next year."

Photo by Don Nelson

## DHS Student Council plans month of events for Prom Promise Program

The Dimmitt High School Student Council is planning several events in conjunction with the nationwide Prom Promise Program.

The goal of this program is to encourage high school students to sign a pledge card promising not to take drugs or drink alcohol, especially on prom night.

The students on the DASH and Spirit Committees are kicking off the campaign by committing themselves to remain drug-free and alcohol-free on prom night.

The first of the activities planned by the Student Council will be Tuesday, and the group has scheduled several other activities from now through the prom, which is in May.

The Prom Promise Program will officially get underway in Dimmitt Tuesday with an afternoon assembly in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. During the assembly, a video entitled, "Adam's Last Day," will be shown.

On Tuesday, April 25, several Student Council members will take part in a "Stop the Road Kill" event.

This event is designed to raise community awareness, and the students plan to stand at the main intersection in Dimmitt from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and each will be draped with a white sheet. The students will hold posters carrying safety messages such as "Don't Drink and Drive," "Stop the Road Kill," and "Every 30 minutes someone is killed by a drunk driver."

During the week of May 1-5, the Student Council will hang anti-drug and anti-alcohol posters at Dimmitt High School. Included among these signs will be grave markers of famous people who have died as a result of alcohol or drug abuse.

On Friday, May 5, Student Council members will pass out "Dum-Dum"

lollipops with a message attached. These messages will include "Don't be a dum-dum; don't drink and drive."

A special event has been planned for Friday morning, May 8, on the east side of the high school. Several local agencies including the Castro County EMS, Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department, Castro County Sheriff's Dept., and Dimmitt Police Dept. will be helping the Student Council coordinate this event.

The special event will include a "Circle of Friends," and all of the observers will gather in a circle. The "Grim Reaper" will take a student from the circle.

During the day on May 8, the Student Council has planned "The Living Dead" event. Every 30 minutes the Grim Reaper will go to high school classes and remove a student,

signifying the fact that every 30 minutes someone is killed by a drunk driver. Each time a student is removed, a heartbeat and a flatline will sound over the public address system, along with the name of the student.

The final event will be a morning assembly in the DHS Auditorium on Tuesday, May 9.

During this assembly, Bob Ledbetter of Atlanta, Ga., will be the guest speaker.

Ledbetter's son was killed in a crash caused by a drunk driver. Ledbetter is a trained MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) speaker.

At the conclusion of this assembly, students will be encouraged to sign a Prom Promise Pledge Card. Members of the community and the high school administrators will be there to witness the students' signatures.

## Swift Band claims Sweepstakes award

The Nazareth Swift Band earned the Sweepstakes Award after capping the year with Division I ratings in UIL Concert and Sightreading competition recently.

The 31-member band earned the "Superior" or I ratings in the spring contests. The group had already earned the top rating in the fall marching contest.

The three Division I ratings qualified them as a Sweepstakes Band.

This is the first time the school has earned the Sweepstakes award since the 1992-93 school year.

The band is directed by Fidelis Fetsch.

For its 2000 concert performance, the band played the following selections: *March of the Irish Guard, Modal, Song and Dance and Blue Ridge Saga*.

Fetsch said concert judges had many good comments about the band's trumpet soloist, Mark Birkenfeld.

Judges in the sightreading contest also were complimentary of Birkenfeld and baritonist Jason Birkenfeld, Fetsch said.

The band was required to play *Century Fanfare* for the sightreading competition.

# Of special interest to women

## Kim Sava adds women's medicine to her list of health-care specialties

Kim Sava has been a Registered Nurse since 1980 and a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner since 1995. Now she has added another abbreviation after her name: W.H.N.P., women's health nurse practitioner. To earn the new certification, she attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas for eight weeks of update training in normal and abnormal gynecology and normal and abnormal obstetrics. The training included 16 hours of classwork and 24 hours of clinical training each week. After passing a national certification exam, she is now certified by the National Credentialing Council in Women's Health. "I'll still practice as a family nurse practitioner," she explained. "I did this just to increase my knowledge and skill level because I see a lot of female patients. Many women feel more comfortable with a female doctor or practitioner."



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## Book wins scholarship

Melanie A. Book from Nazareth High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 2000-2001.

Book is the daughter of Chris and Becky Book.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 1,000 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

## Quad-County Job Fair set

The Texas Dept. of Human Services is planning a Quad-County Job Fair for May 10 at the Hereford Community Center, according to Belle Braddock, employee of the TDHS office in Dimmitt.

The four counties that will be covered by the fair include Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer. Area employers are encouraged to have a booth at the fair to display what their companies have to offer and to sign up prospective employees.

"We also are seeking sponsors and providers of door prizes and 'goodie bag' items," Braddock said.

There is no fee to employers who participate in the job fair, and a lunch will be provided for their representatives at the fair.

Anyone interested in the job fair or wanting more information may call Braddock at 647-4181, ext. 24, or Nora Pesina at 363-8612 in Hereford.



EMILY NIPP of Amarillo demonstrates some of the finer techniques of making "crazy quilts" Friday afternoon during one of the free sessions at the

Ogallala Quilters' Festival in Dimmitt. Nipp taught other classes during the festival and gave a free lecture on quilting Friday afternoon.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Allen named student of week

Brittany Allen, daughter of Genie Walker of Dimmitt, has been named the Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Allen was born May 7, 1989, in Lubbock.

When she grows up, Allen hopes to be a basketball player.

She says she's good at washing dishes and she wants to become a better math student. She admires her Aunt Julia.

Allen's favorite food is cantaloupe, her favorite book is *Summer of the Swans*, and her favorite animal is the chihuahua.

She thinks the flag pole in front of Dimmitt Middle School is cool and says its one of her favorite things about the school.

## Classifieds get results!

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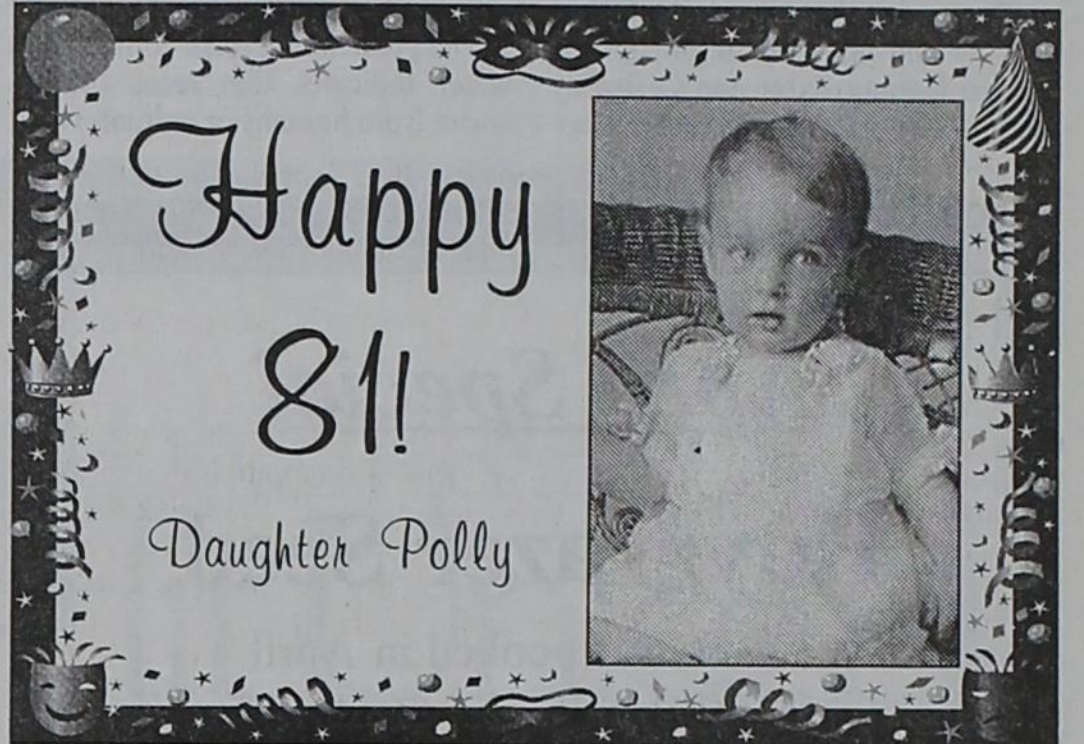
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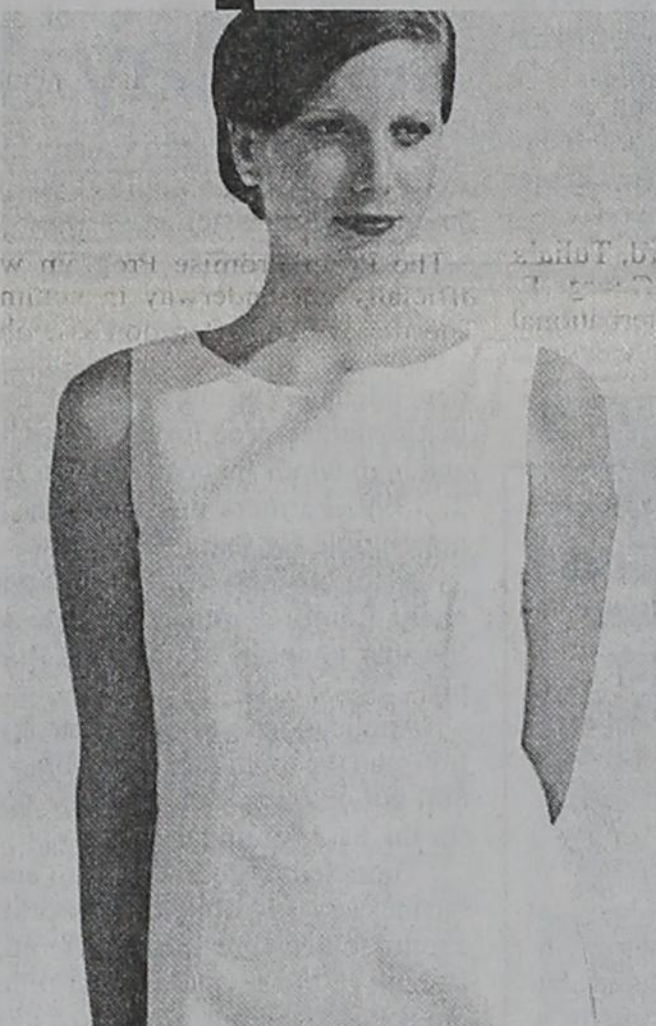


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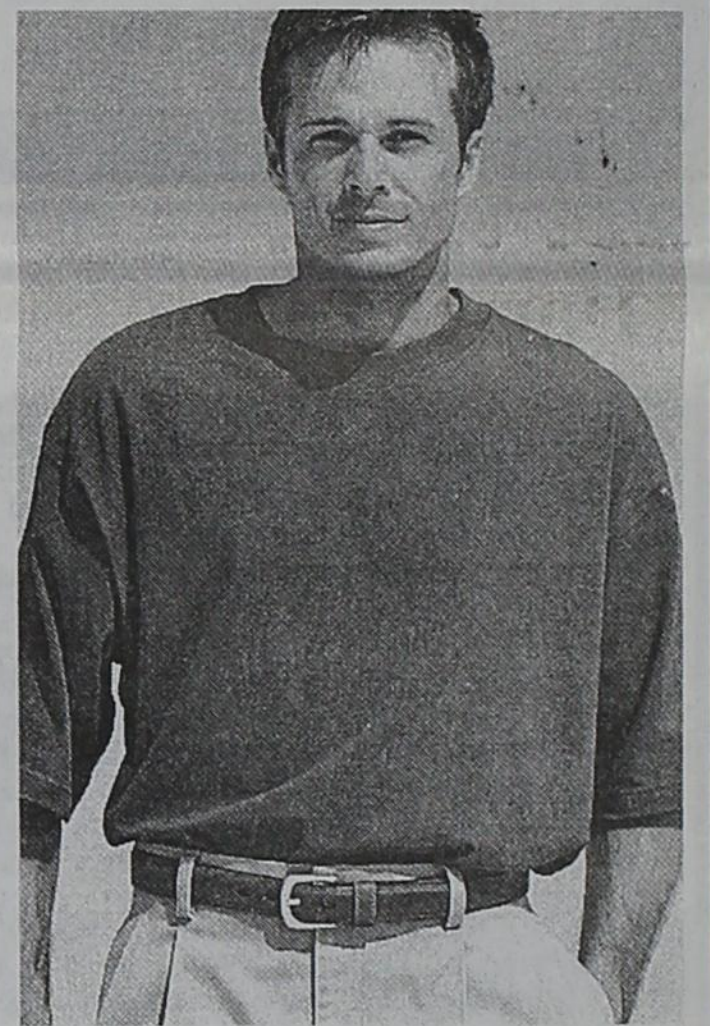
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## Extension Service offers to screen local water wells

The Castro County Extension Service will sponsor a water well screening for area residents today (Thursday) at the Extension office in the courthouse basement.

Those interested in having their water sampled should contact the Extension Service for instructions on how to sample their private wells and to secure a water sampling bag. All samples must be in the Extension Service office by 5 p.m. today.

The cost of the screening is \$3 per sample and you should contact the Castro County Extension Office by calling 647-4115 to receive an ap-

proved water sampling bag and instructions for taking your well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Castro County Extension Office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.

The well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water, and to determine if contamination from fecal coliform and nitrate exists.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may

have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces will have microorganisms present that can cause a number of water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 milligrams per liter can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body.

Nitrate is converted to nitrite, which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin; therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs.

This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than six months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

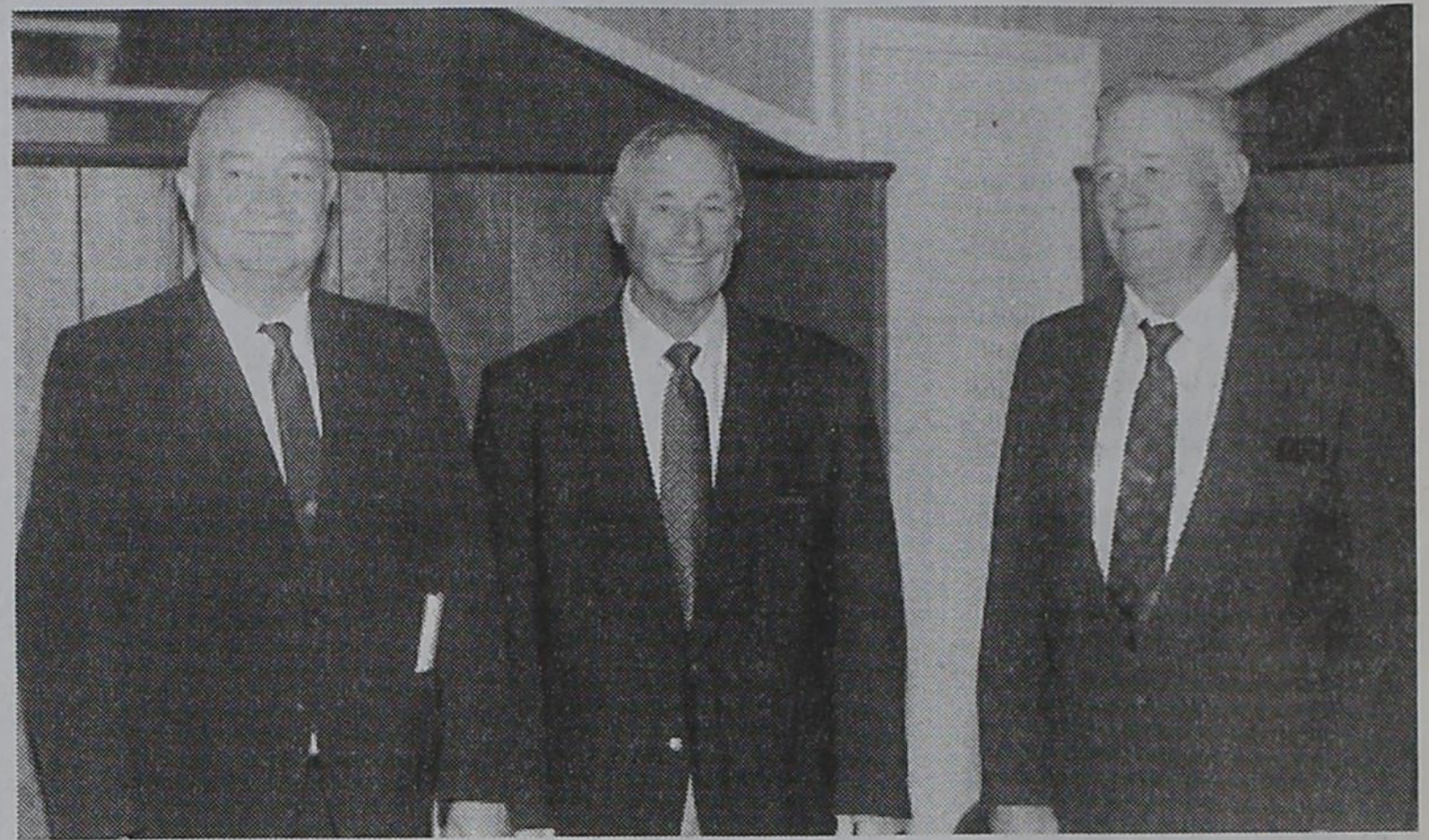
### Red Cross sets class for April

The Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross has scheduled a Babysitting Class on April 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The registration deadline is Friday and the cost is \$35.

The registration fee includes a Babysitter's Handbook, a safety and first aid kit, a compact flash light, a fill-in-the-blanks notepad for safety and emergency information, and an American Red Cross zippered nylon bag to carry all of the supplies.

The registration can be mailed to P.O. Box 1371 or go by the chapter office at 224 S. Main in Hereford.

The annual membership drive for the Tri-County Chapter started April 1. Anyone willing to volunteer is asked to call 364-3761.



RE-ELECTED—These members of the board of directors of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative were named to another term by those attending the 62nd annual meeting of the cooperative. They are (from

left) Clarence Martin of Parmer County, Donald Wright of Castro County, and Clark Andrews of the Frio community. The meeting was held March 28 in Hereford.

Photo by Becky Thorn/Hereford Brand

## Donald Wright is elected at DSEC annual meeting

Donald Wright of Castro County was re-elected to the board of directors of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative at the organization's 62nd annual meeting held March 28 in Here-

ford.

Other directors who were re-elected were Clarence Martin of Parmer County and Clark Andrews of the Frio community.

Co-op president Steve Louder reported to those attending the annual meeting that DSEC had reduced sales of 25% in 1999, that the co-op invested \$2 million in a new plant, and still enjoyed a margin of \$2 million for the year, according to a report published in the *Friona Star*.

The *Star* also reported that DSEC employees were given a standing ovation for their performance and dedication to duty in restoring power

during the 1999 snow storm, which had caused power outages for 9,000 customers.

Members attending the meeting received checks for their portion of the \$750,000 in capital credits returned to members.

The meeting was held at the Bull Barn in Hereford, and the beef, chicken and fish buffet was catered by Danny's Hens and Fins of Lubbock. Music was furnished by the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, N.M.

The 1,562 who attended also had a chance to win a wide assortment of door prizes.

## Loss filing deadline set May 1

Businesses in Castro County have until May 1 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

The Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that sustained crop losses due to hail and high winds that occurred on June 2, 1999. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Also, businesses in Deaf Smith, Hale, Lamb, Parmer, Randall and Swisher counties are eligible to apply.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling 1-800-666-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

## Blood drive is slated Monday in Dimmitt

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Dimmitt High School Student Council will host a blood drive Monday from 1 to 7 p.m. in the DHS band hall.

"There was such an overwhelming response last year to the Student Council's blood drive, the Blood Center has agreed to send more staff members to serve our needs," said Connie Dickerson, Student Council sponsor. "Because more staff people will be available, the wait should be shorter this year."

Donors must be 17 years old and bring a driver's license and social security number with them.

"We realize that everyone has a hectic schedule this time of the year," Dickerson said. "Your time is

greatly valued. Every unit of blood collected has the possibility of helping as many as three individuals.

"Last year at this blood drive, 52 pints were donated. Our goal this year is 65. We appreciate everyone who will come to help us meet our goal," Dickerson said. "There will be a contest at the high school between the girls and guys to see which group gives the most blood. Maybe your business or your church group would like to challenge another local business or church group would like to challenge another local business or church group to see which will give the most blood."

For more information, call Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 1-800-658-6178 or the high school at 647-3105.

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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environ") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environ customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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# Crops may not be worth saving

With everything that is "bugging" wheat producers, crops may not be worth saving this season, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports. Although the greenbug population is beginning to decline, the warm weather is bringing in Russian wheat aphids that will likely do just as much damage.

District Extension director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said these intruding pests will likely cause producers to graze their already suffering wheat crops.

"These bugs are brought in by the warm weather, and eat foliage," he said. "With the price of wheat at under \$2 per bushel, it is not worth spraying these insects."

Russian wheat aphids are a type of aphid that arrived in the US in 1986. Through the late eighties and early nineties, the insect looked as though it would be a major problem for producers in Texas. The pest is now considered a periodic pest, and one that is likely to be more prevalent during a drought.

Extension agronomist Dr. Traims Miller of College Station said about two-thirds of the state's wheat crop is in very poor condition, and these bugs certainly don't help.

"Aphids and drought go hand in hand," he said. "Both the greenbug and the Russian wheat aphid are exasperated by the wheat season."

Miller said some regions are seeing more invasion by the bug than others.

"The numbers are still low in regions like the Rolling Plains," he said. "But areas like the High Plains have a lot of bug injury."

Miller said both of the insects contribute to the demise of a wheat crop, and there is very little that can be done during a drought.

"Entomologists don't recommend treatment," he said. "Wheat yield is so low that producers would lose more money spraying the pest than they would earn from the crop."

Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick of Amarillo said when this

pest arrives, producers should know the signs.

"The Russian wheat aphid is the same size as the greenbug, but it is more of a lime green, and its body is oval," he said. "This pest's toxin leaves purple and chloric stripes on the plant, which eventually leads to death of the leaf."

Patrick agreed that spraying would not be economical during a drought, but he gave a solution that might work instead.

"Beneficial insect populations like parasitic wasps and ladybugs will help take care of the detrimental pests," he said. "A lot of greenbugs have been treated already this year, and the populations may be able to transfer over to the incoming aphid populations."

Pests can be the determining factor during a drought, and many producers choose to graze in hopes for a better spring crop.

For those who are still not sure which way to get rid of these pests, Patrick said the Extension Service can help.

"The Extension Service has an economic threshold table," he said. "If a grower is finding Russian wheat aphids in his field, they can tell him how to sample it and give him the best economical solution to his problem."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by District Extension Directors across the area:

**PANHANDLE:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Rains from 1 to 4 inches reported. Land preparation halted until soil dries. Wheat improving. Greenbugs no longer a problem; Russian aphids increasing. Range grasses greening up. Cattle condition good.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Soil moisture is short. Rainfall from 2 to 7 inches, hail, high winds reported. Pastures, wheat responding to moisture. Potato planting complete. Onion transplanting complete. Supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation continues.

By SHAWN WADE

Kevin Riley of Dimmitt was named the District 1 director for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.'s (PCG) executive committee.

Riley and other directors and board officers were named at a recent meeting.

The PCG board installed Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg as its 22<sup>nd</sup> president. Hopper replaces Don Langston of Lubbock, who is the new chairman of the board.

Also elected to officer positions within the organization were Mark Williams of Farwell, vice president; and Rickey Bearden of Plains,

secretary-treasurer. Each of the newly-elected officers will serve a one-year term.

PCG by-laws limit terms of service for each officer position to two consecutive terms. All three of these individuals will be eligible for reelection to their current position in April 2001.

Also selected at the PCG board of directors meeting were representatives from each of the organization's six sub-regions to serve with the officer corps as members of the 2000-2001 PCG Executive Committee.

Other members of the executive

committee besides Riley and the officers are James Brown of Muleshoe, District 2; Dan B. Smith of Lockney, District 3; Craig Heinrich of Slaton, District 4; David Pearson of Lubbock, District 5; and Van Gaskins of Knott, District 6.

In other action last Thursday, the PCG board recognized the efforts of outgoing chairman of the board Jackie Burris during his two terms as president of the organization (1996-1998) and as chairman of the board (1998-2000). Burris was presented with an award commemorating his years of service.

Attendees at the PCG 43<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting were treated to three outstanding speakers, including Berry Worsham, chief executive officer of Cotton Incorporated in Cary, N.C.; Keith Kelly, administrator of the US Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency in Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Mark Lange, director of economic services

at the National Cotton Council. Each provided in-depth discussions of the organization's roles and presented their thoughts on the future.

As a group, the covered topics ranging from domestic and export trade forecast, through prospects for future farm legislation to a crowd of approximately 225 producers and cotton industry leaders.

Kelly touched on several current news items as he announced the release of the 2000 Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount Tables, noted the release of the final payment rate for the 1999 Disaster Assistance Program and updated the group on the status of the cottonseed assistance program.

Worsham discussed the activities and programs of Cotton Incorporated and noted improved forecasts for cotton demand on the horizon. Lange provided an in-depth look at updated forecasts for cotton prices and demand as well.

## Recent rain reduces fire risk, some danger remains

Recent moisture has dampened the extreme fire danger on the High Plains but has yet to douse the fire risk. While the ground is saturated and spring green-up is beginning to occur, there still remains a heavy load of dead, fire-prone vegetation.

"The fire danger is still extremely high," says Les Rogers, regional fire coordinator for the Texas Forest Service. "The pastures are not greening up, and there's still quite a bit of dead fine fuels (grass)."

Another concern is saturated soil. While the high soil moisture has helped lower fire danger, it has created a potentially dangerous situation for firefighters. Should a fire occur in the middle of a field, firefighters run the risk of getting their engines stuck and possibly being unable to escape the fire. Rogers continues to ask residents to be cautious.

The recent moisture has reduced the ease of accidental fire starts, a major cause of wildfires this season, and created conditions that allow wildfires to be controlled by local resources.

"Fires will not start as easily and will not burn as intensely as before," says Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service. "There's still the presence of fine dead fuels (dead grass), and there could still be some fires. But with green-up now under way, its presence will buffer that of the dead fuels, making fires easier to contain."

Texas Forest Service resources, which have been staged in Amarillo since January, were demobilized Saturday. Both single engine air tankers and the air attack aircraft were released, as well as the 10- to sometimes as many as 20-member overhead team.

On the High Plains, the Texas Forest Service and its aircraft responded to 23 fires on more than 61,000 acres. Rogers says that roadside fires, careless trash burning and escaped controlled burns have been the primary causes of fire this season.

Though the team has demobilized, the Texas Forest Service presence remains as Rogers returns to his Canyon office to serve the fire departments in his 51-county region.

With spring in the air and a forecast calling for more normal weather patterns, including rain, the High Plains will begin to see blossoms of

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# Cotton Talks

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## Verizon selected as name of merged GTE-Bell Atlantic

Contingent upon FCC approval of its merger, GTE and Bell Atlantic have selected Verizon as the new name of the combined company.

GTE and Bell Atlantic said the new name and its associated logo will become the master brand under which the combined company will market its services to residential and business customers.

GTE is the parent company of the telephone service provider in Castro County and other cities and counties in the South Plains area.

The companies announced the name and brand strategy to employees last week in anticipation of the launch of the wireless venture between Bell Atlantic and Vodafone-AirTouch, which was April 4. The joint venture, to be known as Verizon Wireless, will be the first entity to use the new name.

The word Verizon (pronounced vurr-EYE-zon) was selected from more than 8,500 names. The new name comes from the Latin word "veritas," which means truth; and also connotes certainty and reliabil-

ity; and "horizon," which signifies the possibilities ahead. The new logo is a bold red, black and white rendition of the name with strong graphic accents highlighting the V and the Z.

GTE and Bell Atlantic said that Verizon differentiates them from the rest of the Bell operating companies and the other players in the telecommunications industry, and it is capable of assimilating significant brand equity over time. Furthermore, Verizon signifies a company that will provide customers with both stability and a forward-looking vision.

The companies will adopt the name and support it with significant marketing upon FCC approval of the merger. Immediately following merger closing, the name and logo will appear on buildings, payphones, vehicles, customer bills and other materials. The companies are targeting completion of the merger in the second quarter of 2000, and said the full re-branding will take from 12 to 24 months, although the new name and logo will be visible in key locations quickly.




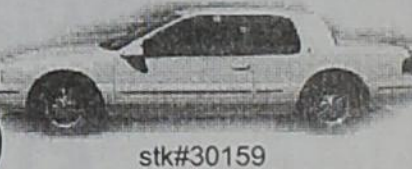

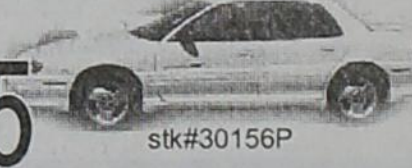
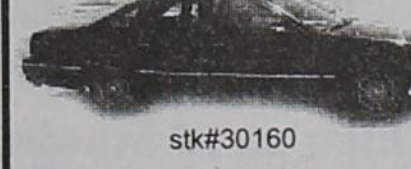
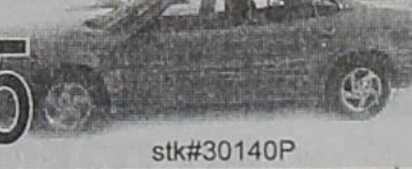
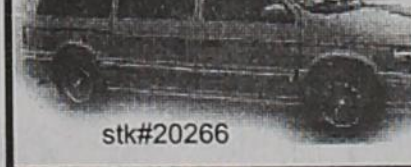
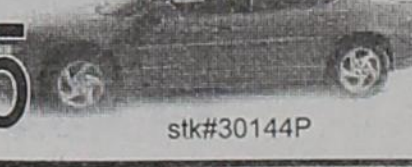

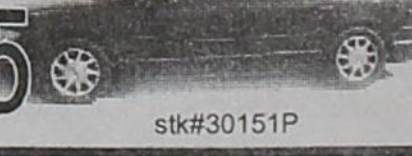
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# Sports



## Bobcat Relays are Friday

Dimmitt High School will host its annual track meet, the Bobcat Relays, Friday afternoon at Bobcat Stadium and some of the best track teams from around the area are expected to compete for the titles.

Teams from Shallowater, Tulia, Friona, Littlefield, Dalhart, Canyon and Dimmitt; along with regional qualifiers from some smaller schools including Nazareth and Wheeler, are expected at this year's track meet.

The meet is slated to start at 1:30 p.m. with a scratch meeting in the weight room.

Field events will start at 2:30 p.m. and will follow a rolling schedule beginning with the JV boys, varsity boys and varsity girls in each event. Those field events, in order, include the shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, pole vault and triple jump.

At 3 p.m., the 3,200 meter races will begin.

The running events will start at 4:30 p.m. and there will be no preliminaries—only finals.

Each race will be run in the following order: varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys; except for the 400-meter dash. In that race, the JV boys will go first, followed by varsity boys and varsity girls.

The races will be run in the following order: 400-meter relay, 800-meter dash, 110-meter girls' low hurdles, 110-meter boys' high hurdles, 100-meter dash, 800-meter relay, 400-meter dash, 300-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash, 1,600-meter run and 1,600-meter relay.

Awards will be presented following the meet.

*A flower arrangement should usually be about on and a half times the height or width of the container.*

*The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.*

-Peter Comeille



**UP AND IN**—Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews sinks a basket for the West All Star Boys in their Thursday night game against the East All Stars in the Texas Golden Spread High School Tournament at the Amarillo Civic Center. In 15 minutes of playing time, Matthews scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds to help his team to an 89-80 victory. Dimmitt's Daniel Flores added seven points for the West All Stars.

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## Matthews, Flores spark West All-Stars in tourney

Before he fouled out of the championship game Saturday night, Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews left it all on the floor in the Texas Golden Spread All-Star Tournament in Amarillo.

As a result of his hustle, he was the top scorer on the West All-Stars and earned a berth on the all-tournament team.

The tourney, matching four squads of all-stars, showcased more than 30 of the Panhandle's top senior cagers from schools of all classes.

Playing forward for the West, Matthews scored 19 points in his team's 89-80 win over the East All-Stars in the tourney opener last Thursday night.

And Saturday night Matthews and

Dimmitt teammate Daniel Flores accounted for 41 of the West's 75 points in a hard-fought 78-75 loss to the South. Flores with 21 and Matthews with 20 were the West's top two scorers in the title game.

Matthews connected on 80% of his free throws in the tourney, hitting four of five in each game. He also hit the only three-pointer he tried in Thursday's game against the East All-Stars, and collected seven rebounds.

Flores hit three of 10 field-goal attempts in Thursday's game, including 0-of-4 from three-point range, before picking up his fifth foul.

In the title game, Matthews went 0-of-2 and Flores 1-of-8 from the three-point range, but they were deadly from shorter distances and from the free-throw line. Flores was a perfect 6-of-6 on free throws.

## Bobcats batter Dalhart with base hits for win

Dimmitt only had one extra-base hit Saturday, but the Bobcat hitters picked up single after single as they edged Dalhart in a District 1-AAA matchup.

Dimmitt won the game, which was held at Dalhart, 13-11; but the Bobcats had to come from way back to claim the victory.

Dalhart jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead in the third inning and extended that margin to 8-0 after two. But Dimmitt started nipping away at that lead in the third inning and before the Golden Wolves knew what hit them, the Bobcats were on top to stay.

The Bobcats picked up 13 hits in the game, and the only double Dimmitt recorded was by Omar Torres. Dimmitt was charged with four errors.

The Golden Wolves picked up 14 hits and had six errors. Among those hits were two doubles, a triple and two home runs.

Dalhart had its big innings off of Dimmitt starter Wesley Harkins, but Bobcat Coach Jesus Quiroz made the decision to replace Harkins on the mound with Sammy Prieto in the second inning and the Wolves were doomed from then on. Prieto struck out eight hitters and allowed just one hit.

Prieto got the win while Slatton suffered the loss for Dalhart.

Dimmitt finally got the bats rolling in the third inning and cut Dalhart's lead to five, 8-3.

Dimmitt's lead-off hitter Harkins walked to start off the third, then Brent Josselet reached on a fielder's choice that caught Harkins out at second. An error allowed Prieto to reach, and Jonathan Stevens walked before Dimmitt picked up its first hit of the inning, an RBI single by Michael Penney. Josselet, Prieto and Stevens all scored before Dalhart registered a third out.

After shutting down the Wolves in the bottom of the third, the Bobcats were pumped and took advantage of their excitement to pick up four runs in the fourth inning, making it a one-run game.

A lead-off single by Daniel Proffitt

would eventually turn into the first run of the inning. Josselet walked, then advanced on a single by Prieto that scored Proffitt. Josselet and Prieto crossed the plate after a hit to left field by Penney was mishandled by Dalhart's left fielder.

Before it was all over, Dimmitt had wracked up four runs in the inning. Dalhart struck out in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings, too, and that allowed Dimmitt to take control of the game.

Dimmitt turned the one-run deficit into a two-run advantage in the fifth, 10-8; then got a little more breathing room in the top of the sixth with another three-run inning for a 13-8 lead.

Tanner Self singled to open the fifth, then Proffitt followed with an-

other single. Dimmitt would get two more hits in the inning, and Harkins, Prieto and Self each scored to give the Bobcats the lead.

In the sixth, Dimmitt struck for three singles and took advantage of a walk, an errant pitch that struck Penney, and a fielder's choice by Self to extend its lead.

Dalhart managed to strike for a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth, then added another in the seventh before Dimmitt was able to shut down the threat and preserve the victory.

Saturday's win was the first district win for the Bobcats this season, and they improved their record to 3-12 overall and 1-4 in conference play. Dalhart dropped to 5-9, 0-5.

## Three Swiftettes are headed to regional tennis tournament

Nazareth's Shawna Gerber aced three opponents in the District 4-A tennis tournament to claim the championship and stamp her ticket for the Region 1-A tennis tournament, which will be held April 24 at South Plains College in Levelland.

She will be joined in the tourney by the Swiftettes' doubles team of Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte, who edged another Nazareth duo, Nichole Huseman and Whitney Hoelting, in a playback for second.

The District 4-A tennis tournament was held last Wednesday and Thursday at Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo.

Gerber drew a bye in the first round, then eliminated two opponents on April 5 to qualify for the finals.

Last Thursday she claimed the District 4-A championship in convincing fashion, ousting a Valley girl, 6-0, 6-1.

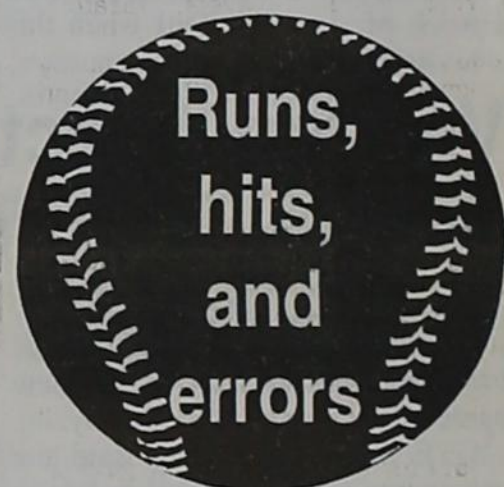
The two Nazareth doubles teams both ran into problems with a Memphis duo, and that team went on to win the district title.

Huseman and Hoelting fell to the Memphis team in the semifinals and Birkenfeld and Schulte lost to them in the finals.

After falling in the semifinals, Hoelting and Huseman dropped to the third-place game, where they beat a doubles team from Gruver.

Since the two Nazareth teams were on opposite sides of the bracket, they squared off in a playback for second place and the right to advance to regional.

Huseman and Hoelting took the first set in the playback, 6-3, but Birkenfeld and Schulte took over from there, winning the next two sets, 6-3, 6-0.



### LAST WEDNESDAY

**Bobcats 7, River Road 17**

Dimmitt	160	00	-7	3	4
River Road	421	37	-17	19	6

Wesley Harkins, Sammy Prieto (4) and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt; Littlefield and Beck for River Road. **WP:** Littlefield. **LP:** Harkins. **2B:** Shedd, Beck and Williams of River Road. **HR:** King and Beck of River Road. **Records** Dimmitt 2-12, 0-4; River Road 12-2-1, 4-0.

### THURSDAY

**Swifts 22, Tulia JV 11**

Nazareth	400	761	4	-22	23	5
Tulia JV	000	262	1	-11	9	10

Blake Birkenfeld, Nick Bermea (7) and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; E. Adams, B. Burrow (4) and R.J. Cruz for Tulia. **WP:** Birkenfeld. **LP:** Adams. **2B:** Blake Birkenfeld, Eric Schilling, Daryl Pohlmeier, Michael Korman and Adam Acker for Nazareth. **3B:** Eric Schilling for Nazareth. **Record:** Nazareth 3-2.

### SATURDAY

**Bobcats 13, Dalhart 11**

Dimmitt	003	433	0	-13	13	4
Dalhart	530	002	1	-11	14	6

Wesley Harkins, Sammy Prieto (2) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Slatton, Schaffner (5), Jones (6) and Scales. **WP:** Prieto. **LP:** Slatton. **2B:** Torres for Dimmitt; Jones and Fisk for Dalhart; **3B:** Ewing for Dalhart. **HR:** Fisk and Harahey for Dalhart. **Record:** Dimmitt 3-12, 1-4; Dalhart 5-9, 0-5.



### DISTRICT 1-AAA JUNIOR HIGH MEET at River Road

**High Jump:** 4. M. Lemons, 4-4.  
**2,400:** 5. C. Carpio, 10:45.37.  
**400 Relay:** 6. Dimmitt (C. Black, R. Bradley, L. Aguilar and C. Carpio), 59.77.  
**800 Relay:** 6. Dimmitt (M. Lemons, K. McClure, C. Mixson, S. Paxton), 2:13.73.  
**1,600 Relay:** 5. Dimmitt (R. Bradley, C. Carpio, S. Paxton, C. Black), 5:16.38.

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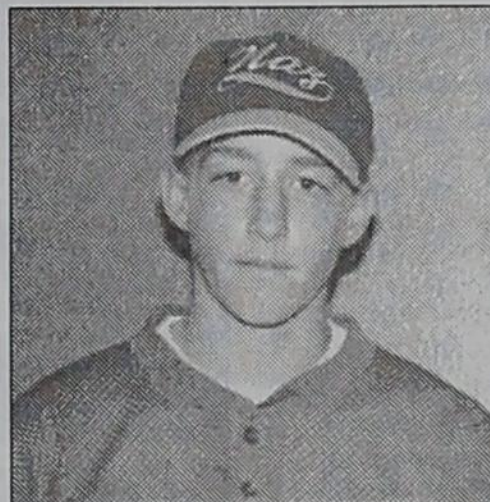
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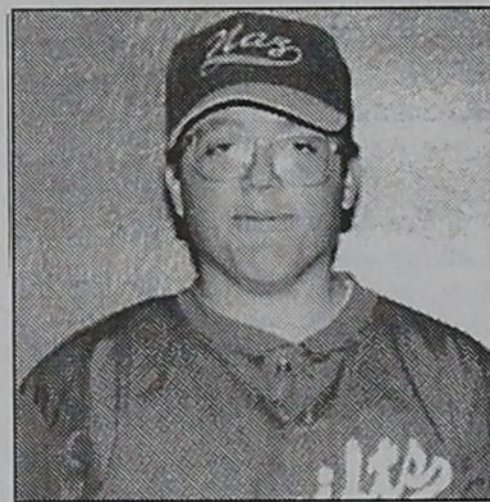
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# Track Results

## BULLDOG RELAYS at Plainview Division II Boys

400: 2. Randy Porter.  
800: 3. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 2:01.0  
1,600: 3. Ivan Flores, 4:56.5.  
Shot Put: 6. Julian Velo.

## JV Boys

Long Jump: 2. L.J. Soler, 4. Brandon Furr, 5. Lee Brown.  
High Jump: 2. L.J. Soler, 4. Lee Brown.  
100: 2. Jaime Rios.  
400 Relay: 2. Dimmitt (L.J. Soler, Jaime Rios, Steven Paz and Lee Brown).  
Pole Vault: 3. Ruben Casas.  
Triple Jump: 4. Lee Brown; 6. L.J. Soler.  
1,600 Relay: 4. Dimmitt.  
800: 6. Ruben Casas.

## DISTRICT 4-A JUNIOR HIGH MEET 7th Girls

Team Totals: 1. Nazareth, 156; 2. Vega 127; 3. Claude 83; 4. Valley 88.

400 Relay: 2. Nazareth (Jamie Birkenfeld, Keli Schulte, Jenna Acker, Kelsey Hochstein).

800: 3. Jackie Thiel, Nazareth, 2:45.17; 5. Melina Braddock, Nazareth, 3:32.34.

100 Hurdles: 1. Jamie Black, Nazareth, 18.58; 3. Keli Schulte, Nazareth, 20.39.

100: 2. Jenna Acker, Nazareth, 16.44.  
800: 1. Nazareth (Kelsey Hochstein, Kelcee Kleman, Jamie Birkenfeld and Jenna Acker).

400: 5. Kelcee Kleman, Nazareth, 84.34.

200 Hurdles: 1. Jamie Black, 36.63; 2. Keli Schulte, 39.49.

200: 4. Melina Braddock, 36.18.  
1,200: 1. Jackie Thiel, 4:31.11.

1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth (Jackie Thiel, Jamie Black, Kelsey Hochstein, Jamie Birkenfeld).

Shot Put: 3. Melina Braddock, 21-10 3/4; 4. Kelcee Kleman, 21-8.

Long Jump: 1. Jamie Black, 13-3; 5. Kelsey Hochstein, 10-8 1/2.

Discus: 3. Melina Braddock, 51-8; 4. Jenna Acker, 51-0; 5. Jamie Birkenfeld, 48-10.

## 8th Girls

Team Totals: 1. Vega 163; 2. Claude 134; 3. Nazareth 119; 4. Kress 94.

800: 1. Tanya Herring, Nazareth, 2:57.99; 6. Courtney Koch, Nazareth, 3:13.36.

100: 3. Veronica Rodriguez, Nazareth, 15.17; 5. Rebecca Olvera, Nazareth, 16.16.

800 Relay: 3. Nazareth (Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Sarah Ellison and Cassie Price), 2:11.01.

400: 1. Kimberly Brockman, 68.98; 3. Sarah Ellison, 76.45; 5. Courtney Koch, 80.90.

200: 3. Veronica Rodriguez, 32.07; 4. Cassie Price, 32.64; 6. Rebecca Olvera, 35.04.

1,600 Relay: 2. Nazareth (Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Rebecca Olvera, Sarah Ellison), 5:03.51.

Triple Jump: 2. Tanya Herring, 26-11 1/2; 4. Kimberly Brockman, 25-11.

Shot Put: 1. Rebecca Olvera, 24-2 3/4; 4. Cassie Price, 22-0 3/4.

Long Jump: 3. Tanya Herring, 12-8.

Discus: 3. Rebecca Olvera, 54-9; 6. Veronica Rodriguez, 45-8.

## 7th Boys

Team Totals: 1. Valley 114; 2. Kress 110; 3. Nazareth 102; 4. Vega 77; 5. Claude 61.

400 Relay: 3. Nazareth (Jeremy Acker, Michael Acker, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm), 68.39.

800: 2. Tyson Schulte, Nazareth, 2:41.22.

100: 4. Ross Birkenfeld, Nazareth, 14.46.

400: 1. Garrett Kleman, Nazareth, 66.20.

200 Hurdles: 2. Orin Schulte, Nazareth, 34.40.

1,200: 2. Orin Schulte, 4:11.22; 3. Tyson Schulte, 4:29.45; 5. Shay Wilhelm, Nazareth, 4:38.80.

1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth (Orin Schulte, Tyson Schulte, Ross Birkenfeld and Garrett Kleman), 4:32.00.

High Jump: 2. Tyson Schulte, 4-8.

Shot Put: 5. Michael Acker, Nazareth, 24-8 3/4; 6. Ross Birkenfeld, 23-7 1/2.

Long Jump: 4. Garrett Kleman, 13-5 1/2.

Discus: 6. Jason Wilhelm, Nazareth, 61-5.

Triple Jump: 2. Tyson Schulte, 26-10 1/2.

## 8th Boys

Team Totals: 1. Kress 125.5; 2. Valley, 108.5; 3. Claude 105; 4. Nazareth 93; 5. Vega 66.

400 Relay: 3. Nazareth (Adam Hunter, Mark Villanueva, Andrew Brockman and Brett Hoelting), 60.93.

110 Hurdles: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, Nazareth, 18.71.

100: 1. Trey Robb, Nazareth, 12.80.  
400: 1. Trey Robb, Nazareth, 58.83.

200: 2. Brock Birkenfeld, Nazareth, 29.04.

1,200: 5. Ricky Pena, Nazareth, 4:15.48.

1,600 Relay: 2. Nazareth (Ricky Pena, Monty Hoelting, Brock Birkenfeld and Trey Robb), 4:08.25.

High Jump: 4. Trey Robb, 5-0.

Long Jump: 6. Brock Birkenfeld, 14-5 1/2.

Discus: 2. Adam Hunter, 106-3.

Triple Jump: 2. Trey Robb, 34-5.

## DISTRICT 4-A JV BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Shamrock 91; 2. Wheeler 91; 3. Gruver 89; 4. Nazareth 64; 5. Claude 63; 6. Kress 52; 7. Memphis 44; 8. Vega 15.

3,200: 4. Shane Kleman, Nazareth, 13:27.84.

400 Relay: 3. Nazareth (Rey Bermea, Luke Price, Chase Foster and Jason Huseman), 49.63.

800: 3. Jase Merritt, Nazareth, 2:28.68.

110 Hurdles: 2. Luke Price, 20.00.

100: 4. Jason Huseman, 13.32.

300 Hurdles: 3. Adam Acker, Nazareth, 52.68.

1,600 Relay: 2. Nazareth (Rey Bermea, Wade Price, Chase Foster and Jason Huseman), 4:09.51.

Discus: 2. Reece Hales, Nazareth 113-4.

# Naz athletes earn berths in Class A area track meet

Nazareth's Bo Hunter came close to a state record when he hurled the discus 184 feet and two inches last week, and he easily outdistanced the field in the District 4-A track meet at Shamrock.

Hunter was one of several Nazareth tracksters to qualify for the area round. That track meet will be held April 21 at Randall High School.

Area qualifiers had to place among the top four in district. The top four finishers in each event at the area level will advance on to regional.

Joining Hunter in the area meet will be long-distance specialists Trinity Robb, Danette Ramaekers and Teri Ramaekers; the Swifts' 400-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay teams; hurdler and triple jumper Wendy Black and another triple jumper, Marsha Black.

Danette Ramaekers had no problems winning the 3,200-meter run, posting the best time of 12:07.18. She won the 1,600 by more than 14 seconds, too, with the winning time of 5:40.34 clocked in her favor.

Teri Ramaekers finished fourth in the 1,600 with a time of 6:34.41.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Wendy Black edged Desha Gragg of Shamrock for the gold medal, breaking the tape in 50.65 seconds.

Wendy Black also qualified for area in the triple jump with an effort of 31-10; but she was beaten by her sister, Marsha Black, who jumped 32-10 to finish second.

Trinity Robb finished second in the 3,200 meters with a time of 11:22.37, just a few seconds slower than the winner, Corey Jewell of Wheeler.

Two other Nazareth runners placed in the 3,200 but didn't qualify for area—Blake Birkenfeld was sixth in 12:09.31 and Craig Birkenfeld finished seventh in 12:21.16.

Robb also earned a berth in the 1,600-meter run at area after finishing third at district with a time of 5:11.28.

The Swifts' 400-meter relay, including Aaron Kern, Kade Wilcox, Matty McLain and Ky Wilcox was fourth in 45.32 to qualify, while the mile relay team—Kade Wilcox, McLain, Justin Kleman and Ky Wilcox—finished second in 3:40.73.

Other Nazareth competitors placing at district were Ky Wilcox, sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.14; and McLain, fifth, 300-meter intermediate hurdles, 43.53.

Nazareth tallied 56 points in the boys' meet to finish fourth behind Gruver, Wheeler and Memphis.

The Swiftettes finished sixth in the meet with 50 points.

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First Flight: 1. Cornett/Cornett/Watts, Dimmitt, 69-67-136; 2. Campbell/Carr/Adams, Amarillo, 69-69-138; 3. (tie) Bates/Corbell/Hughes, Dimmitt, 68-71-139, and Sturgeon/Mendez/Valez, Hereford, 71-69-139.

Second Flight: 1. Altman/Dabney/Zigler, Amarillo, 73-69-142; 2. (tie) George/George/Burleson, Dimmitt, 72-71-143; Pigg/Mixson/Fisher, Dimmitt, 72-71-143.

# Flores, Porter earn medals

Ivan Flores and Randy Porter brought home silver and bronze medals from the Bulldog Invitational Track Meet at Plainview last weekend.

Porter nabbed the silver medal in the 400-meter run after finishing second in the race with a time of 50.7, less than a second behind the winner of the race.

Flores took third-place honors in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter runs at Plainview. He posted a time of 2:01 in the 800 and ran the mile in 4:56.5.

Julian Velo of Dimmitt earned sixth place in the shot put at the meet.



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# Hart netters earn trips to regional tournament

Hart's boys' singles player Christopher George and the girls' doubles team of Yadira Anzaldúa and Crystal Diego each won playback matches to finish second in district and stamp their names on tickets to the regional tournament.

The three will compete in the Region 1-A tennis tournament, slated later this month in Levelland.

George had a first-round bye in the District 6-A tournament, then he knocked off Jason Beardon of Sudan in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 6-1.

George won his semifinal match with Josh Garcia of Anton, but he had his hands full on the first set. George edged Garcia 7-5 in that first set, then breezed through the second, 6-2, to advance to the championship match.

He squared off against Kyle Igo of Whiteface in the title match, taking the Antelope netter to three sets before falling.

Igo owned the first set, 6-1; but George answered in the second, whalloping Igo 6-1 to knot the sets at one apiece. In the third and deciding set, Igo prevailed, 6-2.

George was forced into a playback match for second against Clay Tiffin of Springlake-Earth, but he was able to bounce back to take the match, 6-2, 6-3, earning him a spot in the regional meet.

In the girls' doubles tournament, Anzaldúa and Diego started off on a

good note in the quarterfinal round, eliminating Aaron Fullingim and Sarah Hegi of Petersburg in split sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Hart's Lindsey Montemayor and Brenda Diego won their quarterfinal match with Stephanie Warren and Ashley Davidson of Sudan, but the Hart duo was forced to come from a one-set deficit to do so.

After Warren and Davidson won a tiebreaker to claim the first set, 7-6, Montemayor and Brenda Diego regrouped and came back to trounce the Sudan netters over the next two sets, 6-2, 6-0.

That placed both Hart girls' doubles teams in the semifinals, where each was upended.

Anzaldúa and Crystal Diego fell to eventual district champions, Whitney Harris and Heather Chenault of Anton, 1-6, 0-6; while Montemayor and Brenda Diego lost to Michelle Gutierrez and Julie Gorski of Anton, 4-6, 1-6.

The two Hart teams met in a third-place match, with Anzaldúa and Crystal Diego prevailing, 6-4, 6-1.

After Harris and Chenault beat Gutierrez and Gorski in the championship match, Anzaldúa and Crystal Diego turned around and played Gutierrez and Gorski in a playback for second, winning in a close battle, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Angelica Perales of Hart finished third in the district tournament, topping two out of her three opponents.

After enjoying a first-round bye, Perales beat Amber Brown of Whiteface, 6-4, 0-6, 6-0, in the quarterfinal round.

She ran into a little trouble in the semifinals, falling to Tiffany Flowers of Sudan, 2-6, 4-6.

Perales bounced back in the third-place match and eliminated Kim Chaffin of Smyer, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, to earn the bronze medal.

Another girls' singles player from Hart, Kellie George, fell victim to Chaffin in the first round, but George gave Chaffin everything she could handle and then some, especially in the first set. Chaffin took the match 7-6, 6-1, and she won the first set tiebreaker by a 7-4 count.

Jeff Bennett competed in boys' singles, downing Jonathan Richey of Sudan, despite falling behind in the first set. Bennett lost the first set, 1-6, but answered with 6-1, 6-4 set advantages to earn a spot in the quarterfinals.

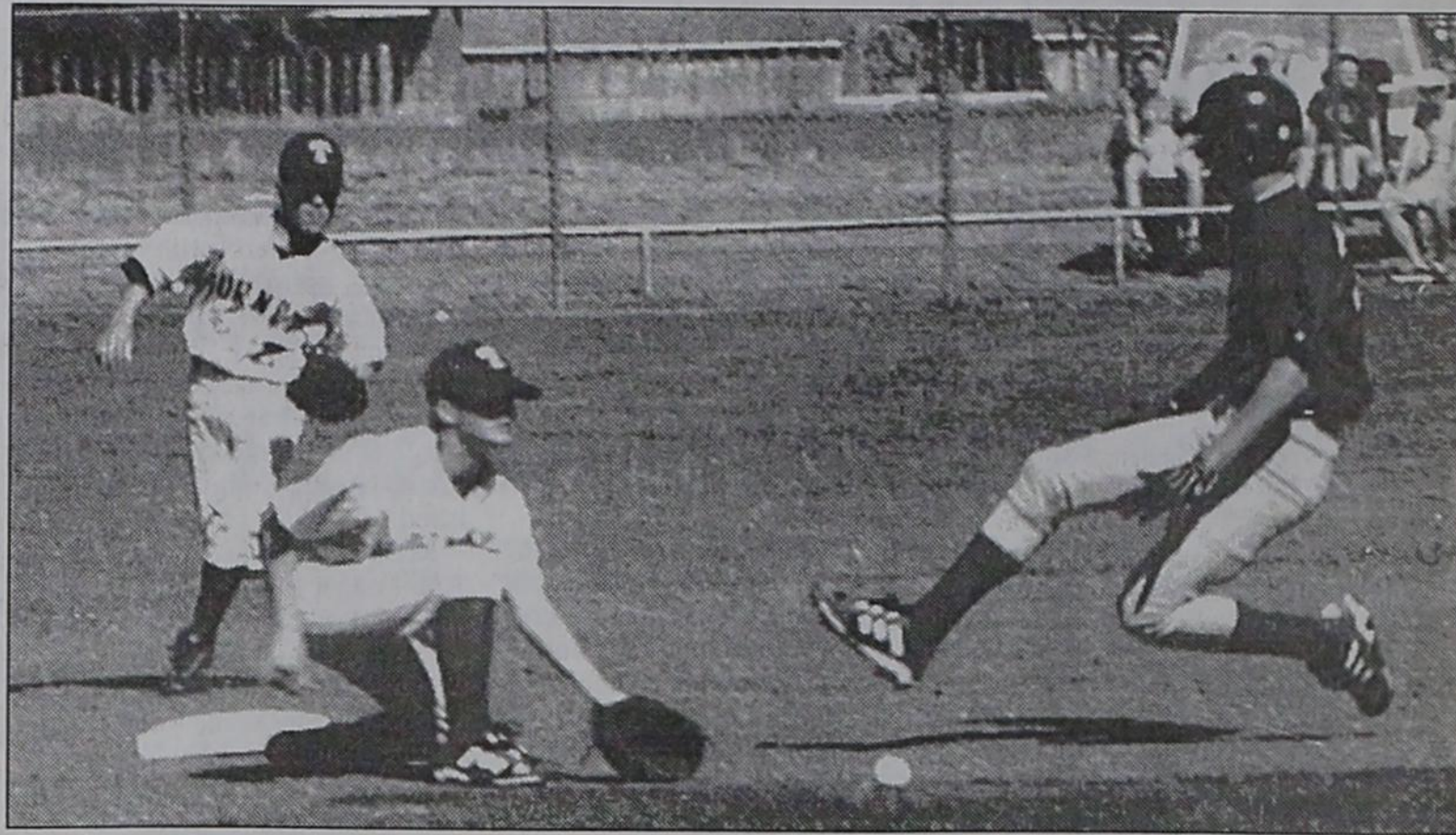
He ran into a road block there, though, falling to Igo, 3-6, 2-6.

Hart had two boys' doubles teams entered in the district tournament, but both fell in the quarterfinals.

John Mark Bennett and Frankie Chaparro of Hart dropped their quarterfinal match to Michael Ruiz and Chance Willis of Petersburg by a 1-6, 3-6 count.

Timmy Barnes and Jeremiah Velasquez of Hart fell to Lance Martin and Andy Messamore of Sudan, 0-6, 1-6.

Martin and Messamore advanced to the tournament championship, but lost that match, finishing second in district play.



ANTICIPATION!—Tulia's shortstop J. Bentley concentrates on catching the ball as Nazareth's Eric Schilling (right) prepares to slide into second base last Thursday in a game at Tulia. Schilling beat the

throw and was safe on the steal. Schilling was one of two Swifts to log eight hits in the game as Nazareth won, 22-11.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Swift bats scorch Tulia in 22-11 win

Nazareth hitters pounded out 23 hits last Thursday as the Swifts rolled to a 22-11 win over the JV Hornets in Tulia.

Nazareth batted around in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings as it took a commanding lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Eric Schilling and Adam Acker each picked up four hits in the game while Daryl Pohlmeier added three to lead the Swifts' offensive assault on Tulia pitchers E. Adams and B. Burrow.

Schilling was a home run short of a cycle, picking up a single in his first and sixth at-bats, a triple in his second and a double in his third.

His first single resulted in the Swifts' first run when Pohlmeier tagged a pitch to right field.

An Evan Huseman single to left scored Justin Kleman and the race was on.

Pohlmeier and Huseman would each score in the inning to give the Swifts a 4-0 lead.

Blake Birkenfeld started on the hill for the Swifts and promptly struck out the first two batters. The third was retired on a ground-out to second baseman Mark Birkenfeld.

Neither team scored in the second or third innings, but the Swifts blew the game wide open in the top of the fourth.

Acker started it off with a single to left field, then Chase Schulte took a pitch the opposite direction for a right

field single.

A rattled E. Adams, who was on the mound for the Hornets, walked Blake Birkenfeld to load the bases.

Schilling's double scored Acker and Schulte before Adams struck out the next two Swift hitters.

The two outs didn't faze Nazareth hitters, though. After Huseman walked, Nazareth got back-to-back two-rbi singles from Mark Birkenfeld and Koty Huseman and Nazareth was in control with a 10-0 lead.

Acker took Adams' first pitch to left center field for a double that scored Koty Huseman from second, giving Nazareth an 11-0 lead before Schulte struck out, ending the inning.

Tulia was able to pick up a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth on three singles, trimming Nazareth's lead to eight, 11-3.

Blake Birkenfeld reached on an error by Tulia third baseman John Garza, then Schilling grounded out to third. Birkenfeld advanced to third, but he was picked off by Cruz as he go a lead off the bag for out number two.

Two outs was no problem for the Swifts, who started their second big two-out rally of the game.

An error on Garza allowed Kleman on first, then Pohlmeier scored a ground rule double that knocked Kleman to third. Michael Korman picked up a double of his own to right field, scoring Kleman

and Pohlmeier.

A series of errors on Tulia's defense kept the inning alive as Shane Kleman and Nick Bermea each reach on miscues.

Acker took a pitch to left field to load the bases, then Schulte and Blake Birkenfeld picked each up an rbi-single, scoring Bermea and Acker for an 17-3 lead.

Tulia finally escaped the inning and it looked like the game would be run-ruled in the fifth, but the Hornets didn't give up, taking advantage of three hits and five Swift errors to pick up five runs in the bottom of the fifth to keep the game alive.

With a 17-8 lead in the sixth, Nazareth managed to extend its lead to 10 once again when Schilling scored, but that was all Nazareth would get.

Tulia managed two runs in the bottom of the inning, forcing the game into the seventh.

Nazareth would bat round for the third time in the final inning, with Acker leading off with a hard single to center field. Craig Birkenfeld singled off of an infield hit, then Blake Birkenfeld picked up a big double to score Acker. Singles by Schilling, Pohlmeier, Korman and Kleman resulted in more Nazareth runs and the Swifts were up 22-10 after 6-1/2 innings.

Tulia would get just one run in the bottom of the seventh before Burrow, Garza and Adams all grounded out to end the game.

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## NVFD sets turkey shoot

The Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a turkey shoot Sunday starting at 1 p.m. in the draw north of Nazareth.

Lights will be available to allow after dark activity, and cash prizes will be given.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the fire department.

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# Hart qualifies several athletes for area track

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns will have several representatives in the Class A Area track meet.

Those qualifying for the area meet had to finish among the top four individuals in their district meet. Hart's District 6-A meet was held last Thursday and Friday in Springlake-Earth.

The top four individuals in each event at area will qualify for the Region 1-A track meet.

At the district meet, Jeremiah Velasquez, Dan Eric Castillo, Jacob Reyna, Isaias Garcia, Ruby Rodriguez, Sonia Garcia, Kellie George, the boys' 400-meter relay team and the boys' 1,600-meter relay all

earned trips to the area meet.

Velasquez was a multi-event qualifier, earning trips in the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, long jump and triple jump. He also ran a leg on the mile relay.

Garcia qualified in the 200 and George earned her trip in the 1,600-meter run. Rodriguez qualified in the discus and Castillo's ticket will be in the shot put competition. Reyna will compete in the long jump along with Velasquez.

Members of the boys' 400-meter relay are Reyna, Joel DeLaFuente, Marcial Mendoza and Keith Finch.

Longhorns on the mile relay team are Mendoza, Finch, Reyna and

Velasquez.

Here's how the Hart athletes fared in the district meet:

- District 6-A at Springlake-Earth Girls**
- Team Totals:** 1. Whiteface 130; 2. Petersburg 122; 3. Sudan 84; 4. Crosbyton 81; 5. Springlake-Earth 75; 6. Hart 43; 7. Anton 38; 8. Lorenzo 10; 9. Smyer 6.
- Discus:** 3. Ruby Rodriguez, Hart, 91-10.
- 200:** 3. Sonia Garcia, Hart, 29.60.
- 1,600:** 2. Kellie George, Hart, 6:09.34.
- Boys**
- Team Totals:** 1. Springlake-Earth 139; 2. Petersburg 138; 3. Hart 73; 4. Anton 75; 5. Whiteface 70; 6. Crosbyton 23; 7. Sudan 16; 8. Smyer 13.
- Shot Put:** 2. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 45-1; 5. Emilio Diaz, Hart, 41-1½.
- Discus:** 5. Dan Eric Castillo, 118-3.
- Long Jump:** 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 19-9; 4. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 19-8.
- Triple Jump:** 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, 43-4.
- 3,200:** 1. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:03.55; 5. Emanuel Barron, Hart, 11:31.15; 6. Thomas Chia, Hart, 11:46.76.
- 400 Relay:** 4. Hart (Jacob Reyna, Joel DeLaFuente, Marcial Mendoza and Keith Finch), 47.85.
- 110 Hurdles:** 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, 15.80.
- 100:** 5. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 11.77.
- 300 Hurdles:** 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, 43.90; 6. Joel DeLaFuente, 46.91.
- 1,600 Relay:** 4. Hart (Marcial Mendoza, Keith Finch, Jacob Reyna and Jeremiah Velasquez), 3:45.16.

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**LOOK AT THE EXQUISITE STITCHING!**—Quilt lovers from all across the area flocked to Dimmitt last weekend for the third annual Ogallala Quilters' Festival. The festival included a large quilt show, featuring more than 140 creations by some of the best quilters in the area. Quilts were displayed at the Expo Building, Rhoads Memorial Library, First United Methodist Church and Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. *Photo by Anne Acker*

## Reis's quilt is 'Best of show' at Ogallala Quilt Festival

A fantastic work of art pieced and quilted by Jackie Reis of Lubbock was selected as the best entry in the Ogallala Quilters' Festival in Dimmitt over the weekend.

The annual festival, which featured a quilt show, trunk shows, "Intergalactic" fashion show, a wide variety of classes designed just for quilt enthusiasts and more, was held Thursday through Saturday.

Reis's quilt, "The Colbin Collection," was selected as the first-place quilt in the Pieced-Professional category in addition to being named the Best of Show.

The Viewer's Choice selection this year—"Blooms and Baskets, Gems of Summer" was a reminder that spring is here. Dorothy Perry of Lubbock entered the quilt in this year's show.

A special auction of 30 miniature quilts was held during a Friday night banquet, and auctioneer Greg Odom of Dimmitt was able to draw top bids from many buyers, raising \$3,440.

Winners of the Silver Dollar Awards at this year's show were Arlene Clark of Andrews, Shari Schumacher of Amarillo, Trecia Spencer of Lubbock, JoAnn Henderson of Amarillo, Muriel Dykstra of Amarillo, Catherine Moore of Dumas, Mary Dee Hammon of Lubbock, Susan O'Neill of Amarillo, Evelyn Thornton of Midland, the Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt, Sue Mallow of Valle De Oro, Barbara Watson of Amarillo, Dorothy Perry of Lubbock, Hollis Croft McCright, Becky Fry of Hereford and Bobbie Foster of Lubbock.

Here are the results from the quilt show:

**Best of Show:** Jackie Reis of Lubbock.

**Viewer's Choice:** Dorothy Perry of Lubbock.

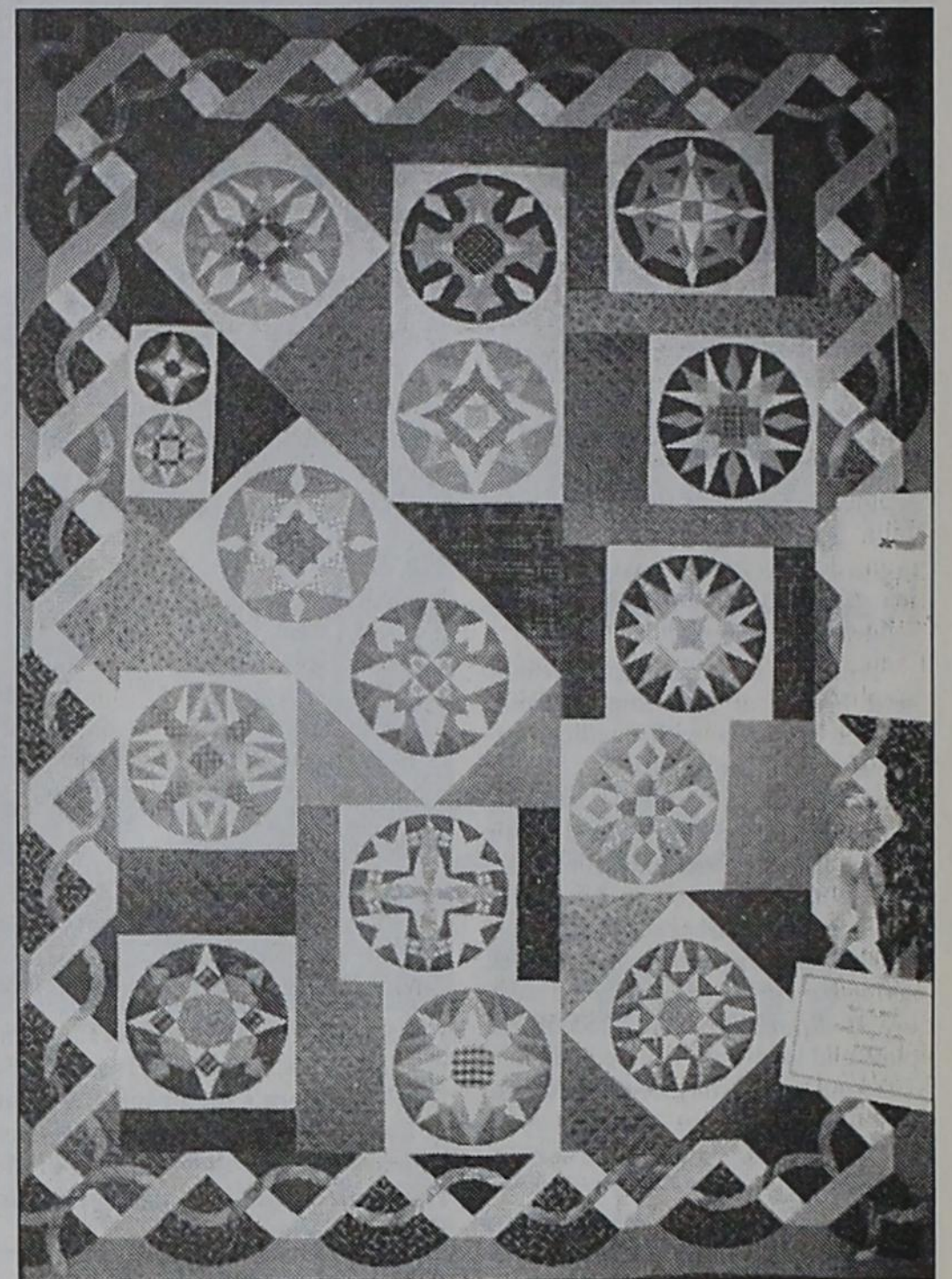
**Themed Quilts:** 1. Susie Edwards of Pampa; 2. Susan O'Neill of Amarillo; 3. June Long of Amarillo.

**Miniature Quilts:** 1. Susie Edwards of Pampa; 2. Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt; 3. Mary Dee Hammon of Lubbock.

**Challenge Quilts:** 1. Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt; 2. Becky Holley of Midkiff; 3. (Tie) Linda Fisher of Lubbock and Ann Powell of Canyon.

**Specialty Quilts:** 1. Shari Schumacher of Amarillo; 2. Annette Watson of Amarillo; 3. Janice Joyner of Amarillo.

**Applied Quilts-Amateur:** 1. Dorothy Perry of Lubbock; 2. Betty Everett of Lubbock; 3. Arlene Clark of Andrews.



### 2000 Best of Show

Jackie Kuhn Reis's fabulous creation, "The Colbin Collection" attracted a lot of attention at the Ogallala Quilters' Festival. The quilt not only claimed top honors in the "Pieced Quilts—Professional" category, it also was judged as the Best of Show in this year's festival, which drew entries from amateur and professional quilters alike. *Photo by Anne Acker*

**Applied Quilts—Two Person:** 1. Evelyn Thornton of Midland; 2. Maxine Tidwell of Dimmitt; 3. Jean Henderson of Amarillo.

**Pieced Quilts—Amateur:** 1. Becky Fry of Hereford; 2. Gilda Bryant of Amarillo; 3. (Tie) Doris Lust of Dimmitt and Valeria Wimmer of Slaton.

**Pieced Quilts—Professional:** 1. Jackie Reis of Lubbock; 2. Shari Schumacher of Amarillo; 3. Jo Nix of Odessa.

**Pieced Quilts—Two Person:** 1. Linda Fisher of Lubbock; 2. (Tie) Jean Clarke of Lubbock and Retta Hand of Friona and Tara Wales of Dimmitt; 3. Ann Podang and Sheila Brockman of Midland.

**Crib Quilts:** 1. Ann Ries of Amarillo; 2. Sonja Bray of Slaton; 3. Debbie Arroyos of Hereford.

**Wearable:** 1. Lauretta Dash of Lubbock; 2. Nancy Richburg of Plainview; 3. Ann Ries of Amarillo.

## Police Calls

Saturday, Randy Popejoy of Hart, reported a burglary of a vehicle to deputies. He said that someone entered his pickup sometime between 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday and attempted to remove the in-dash stereo/CD player. The Alpine brand stereo was valued at \$595.38. Popejoy said that whoever attempted to remove the stereo did remove the removable face plate, then broke the remaining unit while attempting to remove it.

Another burglary of a motor vehicle was reported Friday afternoon in the 300 block of Northwest Sixth in Dimmitt. Ruben Martinez Jr. of Lubbock told police that someone removed his briefcase, valued at \$150, from his car.

An incident of criminal mischief was reported April 5 by Stella Chaparro of Hart. She told deputies that someone shattered the back window of her Pontiac Grand Am while it was parked at her home on Eighth Street in Hart. The damage was estimated at \$500.

Maria Marquez of Hart told deputies last Thursday that a fence belonging to Pedro Corrales-Gutierrez was damaged by a small-gauge shotgun. The damage was estimated at \$20.

Randy Griffith of Dimmitt told police that someone scratched the paint on his Chevy pickup last Thursday night while it was parked in the 800 block of West Jones.

An incident of criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported to police last Thursday morning at the Azteca Complex by manager Miguel Velasquez. He estimated the cost of repairing the glass in two storm doors at \$70.

A Hereford woman, 25, was jailed Friday afternoon for shoplifting \$44.10-worth of uncooked shrimp and \$8.03-worth of T-bone steaks from Dimmitt Market.

Video Magic reported two incidents of theft of service in which rental movies were not returned. The items were valued at a total of \$228.40.

A Plainview man, 32, was jailed April 5 for driving while license suspended.

A Dimmitt woman and man, both 31, were jailed on charges of disorderly conduct early Sunday.

Some suspects were charged with being out after curfew and evading arrest Monday at 11:47 p.m. in the 1100 block of Howe.

An Edmonson woman told deputies last Thursday that she has been receiving harassing telephone calls.

Alcohol-related incidents during the past week included:

—April 3 at 2:04 a.m., a suspect was stopped in the 400 block of Northwest Sixth for DWI, and other suspects in the vehicle were cited for public intoxication.

—Friday at 10:51 p.m., some suspects were charged with con-

sumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor in the 100 block of Northwest 11th; and at 11:01 p.m., a suspect was charged with the same offense in the 100 block of Northwest 10th.

—Sunday, a suspect was stopped at 3:16 a.m. in the 100 block of Northwest Fifth street for DWI and striking a utility pole; at 4:44 a.m. a Dimmitt woman, 17, was jailed for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants, court or probation matters during the past week:

—April 4, a Dimmitt woman, 32, on warrants for assault of a public servant, possession of marijuana, possession and use of unauthorized food stamps, bond surrender and motion for surety.

—April 5, a Dimmitt man, 19, after court on warrants for failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 23, on a warrant for evading arrest.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 20, for violation of probation stemming from criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; and a Dimmitt woman, 24, on warrants for burglary of a habitation and forgery of a financial instrument.

### Jail Count

The jail population as of Tuesday was 15. Two were farmed out for the week at a cost of \$76 per day and \$532 for the week.

## More about 1:1

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pre-press, my constitution and my ego would probably demand that I do some editing on it—if only a nip here and a tuck there—and that would be meddling. I trust my staff every week with every issue; I trust them now. This is their project.

I will confess to having a hand in holding the story out of print the past two issues to make room for more important stories. That's why many people here read it first in the *Amarillo Sunday News-Globe*. The Panhandle Press Association and the *News-Globe* both gave our paper the opportunity to break the story first.

Do I think I deserve this honor? Of course not.

A journalist may be proud of a story here and there, or an issue, a project or an editorial campaign. But in this most soul-searching profession, few of us can view our lifetime of work through the lens of self-criticism and declare ourselves worthy of any Hall of Fame.

The only thing black-and-white about this profession is the ink on the paper. The tough decisions that are made beforehand most often involve varying shades of gray—right/wrong vs. better/worse, individual rights vs. the public's rights, preference vs. expediency, facts vs. truth, time vs. deadline, popularity vs. conscience.

It's a rare journalist who can look back over his or her professional life and be really satisfied. In our most secret internal resumés, all of us can

see too many mistakes, shortcomings and wounded souls back there.

In fact, many good people have agonized themselves out of the profession.

If Hall of Famers were elected by the inductees themselves instead of by their peers, there would probably be no Hall of Fame.

But I won't agonize further. I'm going to do what they want me to do. I'm going to enjoy and appreciate.

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### Letter

## Wear blue ribbons for child abuse awareness

Dear Editor:

As we enter a new century and approach a new millennium, we should reflect on where we are going. One of the most important indications of civilized society is how we treat our children. Unfortunately, if current trends continue, too many Texas children will be abused and neglected.

Children are our most precious resource and we should be committed to working toward a happier, healthier, and safer environment for them. Far too many children in Texas are abused or neglected. All Texans must join together to prevent this tragedy.

Our future depends on the well-being of children today. The time has

come for us to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and their families. We must start putting children first. It's up to you. If we don't stand for children, who will?

During April of each year, citizens concerned about the problem of child abuse and neglect are asked to wear blue ribbons as a symbol that they can make a difference.

In 1989, Bonnie Kinney, a Norfolk, Va., grandmother took a stand against child abuse by tying a symbolic blue ribbon to her van. It was a signal of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse. Her own grandson, Michael Wayne "Bubba" Dickenson,

## Senior parents to meet

Parents of the Dimmitt High School Senior Class of 2000 will have a meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

The purpose of the meeting is to organize details for the graduation party.

All parents are encouraged to attend and contribute to the planning of the drug-free all-night graduation party.

For further information, contact Sue Summers, Trudy Jackson or Sherry Matthews.



HERE COMES THE JUDGE!—Quilt judge Sally Hatfield of Globe, Ariz., gets into the "intergalactic" swing of things as she models an ensemble titled "Skyline Sightings," fashioned and made by Shelly Bursik of Indianola, Nev. The outfit features a short sequined skirt and matching bust, a side-zip jacket in skyline blue and black, a matching beret, and silver leggings. The jacket "is a showcase for all of my favorite embellishing techniques," the designer noted. *Photo by Don Nelson*

True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about but few have seen.  
—Francois, *Due De La Rochefoucauld*

Education is the best provision for old age.  
—Aristotle

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## DMS technology students dominate on-site contest

Dimmitt Middle School students captured 18 first places and added several other top finishes to their collection in the Junior High Technology Student Association On-Site Contest held March 31 in Levelland.

Leading the DMS effort was Jared Bell, who claimed four of the first places himself. He also placed in four other events.

Bell was first in the following competitions: UTE CO<sup>2</sup>, RR CO<sup>2</sup>, Rocket Car C and Dragster CO<sup>2</sup>. He was second in Computer Graphic Solution and Rocket Car D; finished third in SS CO<sup>2</sup> and was fourth in the Computer Exam.

Other first-place winners were Delia Arredondo, Communication Exam; Jordan Bell, SS CO<sup>2</sup>; Christina Campos, Computer Graphic Solution; Chuck Cruz, Computer Exam; Susie Limas, Computer Graphic Solution; James Lindsey, Computer Graphic Solution; Ethan Martin, Transportation Exam; Eva Paiz, Transportation Graphic Solution; Lane Penney, SS CO<sup>2</sup>; Jake Porsch, Transportation Graphic Solution; Stuart Sheffy, Rocket Kit; and Adam Wright, Rocket Cars D, 0.49 Plane Endurance and 0.49 Plane Combat.

Here is a complete list of how the Dimmitt students fared at the meet.

**WELDON ALLISON:** 3. Manufacturing Exam.

**DELIA ARREDONDO:** 1. Communication Exam; 3. Communication Graphic Solution and Construction Graphic Solution.

**JARED BELL:** 1. UTE CO<sup>2</sup>, RR CO<sup>2</sup>, Rocket Car C, Dragster CO<sup>2</sup>; 2. Rocket Car D and Computer Graphic Solution; 3. SS CO<sup>2</sup>; 4. Computer Exam.

**JORDAN BELL:** 1. SS CO<sup>2</sup>; 2. Rocket Kit; 3. Rocket Car D and Rocket Student; 4. Dragster CO<sup>2</sup>; 5. Rocket Car C.

**CHRISTINA CAMPOS:** 1. Computer Graphic Solution.

**SAMUEL CAVAZOS:** 3. Construction Graphic Solution.

**MATTHEW JOEL PUENTE:** 2. Structure Challenge.

**CHUCK CRUZ:** 1. Computer Exam; 3. Computer Graphic Solution.

**JORGE DE LA TORRE:** 2. Transportation Exam.

**MATTHEW LARRA:** 2. Communication Exam; 3. Communication Graphic Solution.

**SUSIE LIMAS:** 1. Computer Graphic Solution; 3. Computer Exam.

**JAMES LINDSEY:** 1. Communication Graphic Solution; 2. Dragster CO<sup>2</sup>; 3. RR CO<sup>2</sup> and Communication Exam; and 4. Rocket Car C.

**ETHAN MARTIN:** 1. Transportation Exam; 2. Transportation Graphic Solution.

**GEORGE MARTINEZ:** 3. Technology Exam.

**RAUL MELENDEZ:** 2. Communication Graphic Solution; 3. Communication Exam.

**JUSTINA NAVARRO:** 2. Computer Graphic Solution.

**EVA PAIZ:** 1. Transportation Graphic Solution.

**LANE PENNEY:** 1. SS CO<sup>2</sup>; 2. UTE CO<sup>2</sup> and RR CO<sup>2</sup>; 3. Rocket Kit and Dragster CO<sup>2</sup>; 4. Communication Exam.

**JAKE PORSCH:** 1. Transportation Graphic Solution; 3. Transportation Exam.

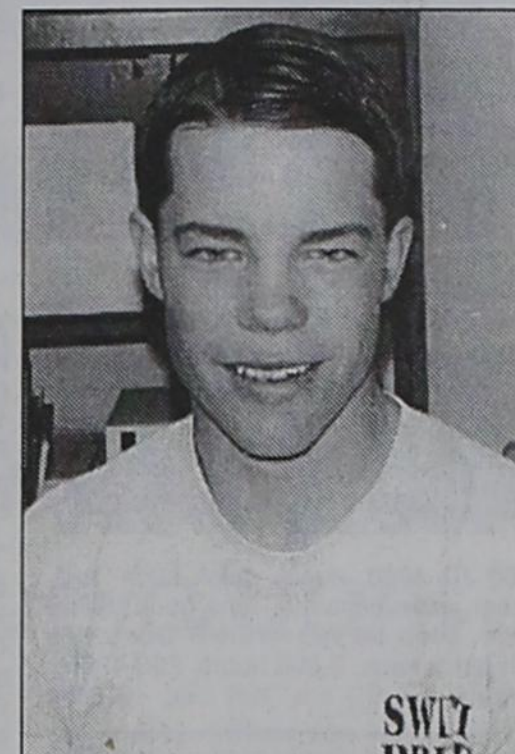
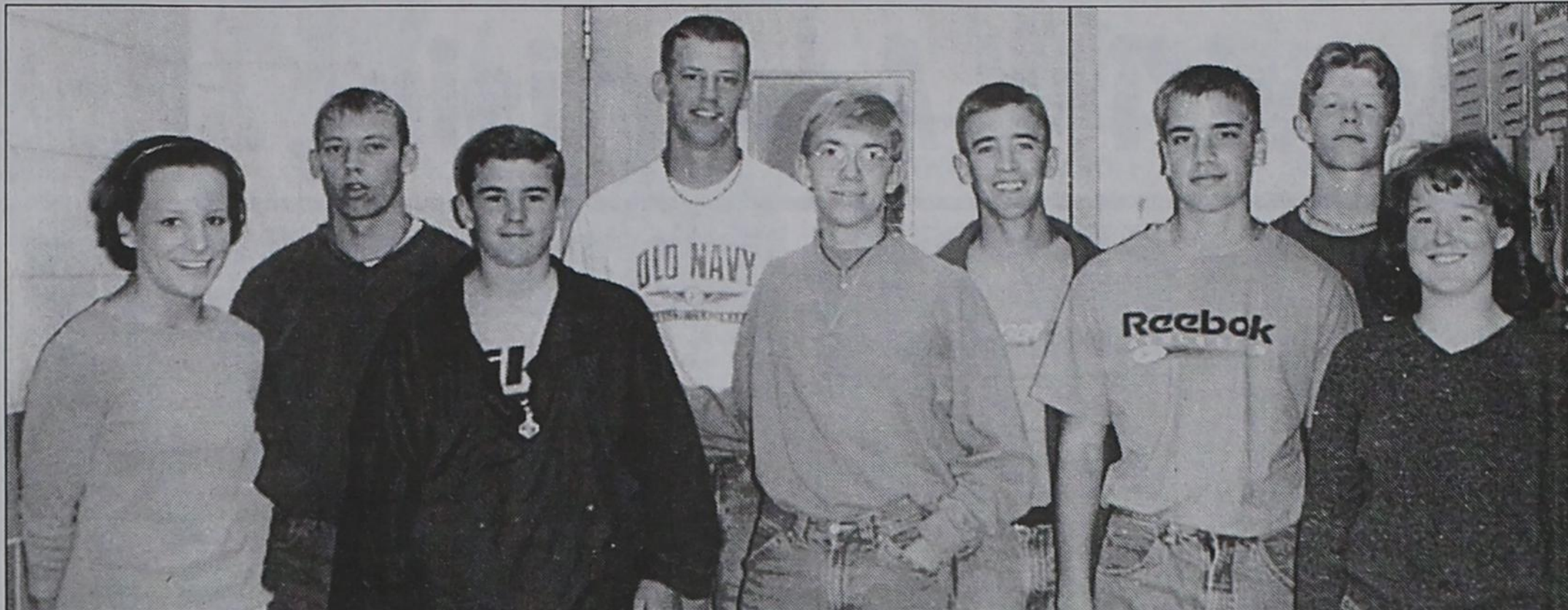
**MATTHEW RUIZ:** 2. Manufacturing Exam.

**STUART SHEFFY:** 1. Rocket Kit; and 3. UTE CO<sup>2</sup>.

**MICHAEL WARD:** 2. Transportation Graphic Solution; 4. Transportation Exam.

**ADAM WRIGHT:** 1. Rocket Cars D, 0.49 Plane Endurance and 0.49 Plane Combat; 2. Rocket Cars C.

**JAKE WRIGHT:** 2. Communication Graphic Solution.



## Nazareth names cheerleaders

Cheerleaders have been named for the 2000-2001 school year for Nazareth High School and Junior High after recent try-outs.

Those selected for the high school are Tara Kleman, Lindsey Gerber, Marsha Black, Wendy Black, Teri Ramaekers, and Tanya Herring.

Chosen for the junior high are Jamie Black, Jamie Birkenfeld, Keli Schulte, Kendra Huseman, Kembra Albracht, and J'lae Merritt.

*One skilled person can manage five hundred bee colonies.*

## Regional literary qualifiers

Nazareth High School dominated its district competition in the UIL Academic and Literary meet, winning the team title hands down. Leading NHS to the title were 13 individuals who qualified for regional in individual events and/or as members of one or more teams. Those qualifiers include (top photo, standing, from left) Jill Schulte, Ky Wilcox,

Shane Kleman, Eric Schilling, Trinity Robb, Blake Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber, Jase Merritt and Melanie Book. Other regional qualifiers include (bottom photos, from left) Karen Wilhelm, Mark Birkenfeld, Teri Ramaekers and Lindsey K. Gerber. *Photos by Nazareth Annual Staff*

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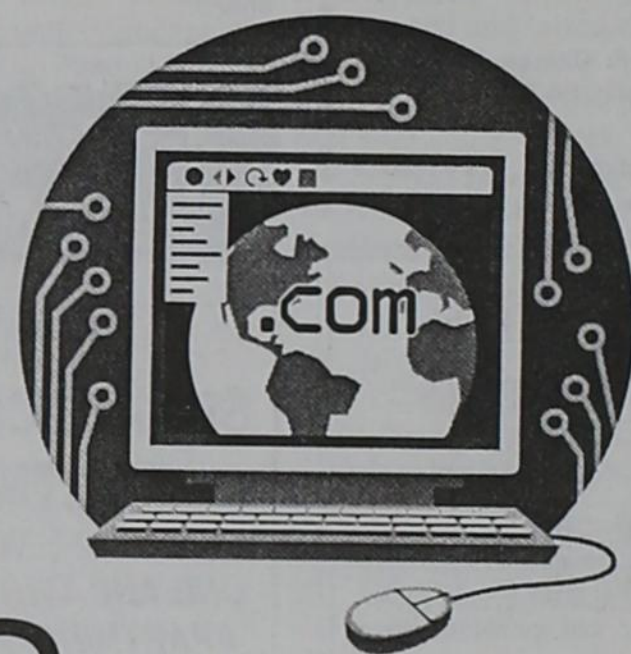
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**THREE BEDROOMS**, one bath, laundry room, carport, large building in back. \$40,000.

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**FOR SALE:** Three bedroom, two bath, 2,000-square-foot home at 700 Cleveland. Call Robert Wilhite, 647-3629. 1-51-tfc

**TWO ACRES** for sale. N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. 647-4269. 1-52-4tc

**FOR SALE:** House to be moved, two bedroom, new roof. In Dimmitt. \$12,500. Call 647-3489. 1-52-tfc

**3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR SALE:** 2 full baths, double car garage, big storage building in back. Beautiful yard, great neighborhood. 705 Oak. 915-267-4279 after 5. 1-2-tfc

## 3—Real Estate For Rent

### DIMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

622 N.W. 5th  
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638  
S&S Properties Equal Opportunity Housing

### Stafford Apartments

Call for availability, 647-2631.

**FOR RENT:** Ruidoso condo. 3/3, sleeps eight. Call Debbie at (505) 420-6700 or (806) 285-3053. 3-30-tfc

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
KITRELL ELECTRONICS  
647-2197 Dimmitt

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**PENTIUM COMPUTER** with free, unlimited Internet access. \$200. 355-8011. 6-52-4tc

**SERIOUS ABOUT LOSING WEIGHT?** I can help you. I've lost 80 pounds in four months. Call 1-800-814-3116. 6-52-4tc

**BIG SCREEN TV** for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970. 6-2-1tp

## 7—Garage Sale

**ESTATE SALE**—411 NW 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday and Saturday, 10-5. 7-2-1tp

## 9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

**1980 JD 4840**, duals, quick hitch, A/C, heater, radio/cassette, runs good. 8,800 hours. 9170 MFWO 170 HP Duetz-Alis with quick hitch, 3,600 hours. 293-4205. 9-2-2tc

## 10—Agricultural Services

**CRP SHREDDING** with 25-foot Flail shredder. Leaves no wind rows. Call Lonny, 945-2458 or 647-7663; or Al, 945-2667. 10-2-tfc

**CRP SOWING** and/or shredding. Seed available. Call Gerald Acker, 945-2274 or 647-6005, mobile. 10-51-10tp

**CUSTOM FARMING:** No-till, drill, mini-till, tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard. (806) 945-2270 or (806) 627-4623. Mobile, 657-7980 or 647-7981. 10-8-tfc

**CUSTOM SWATHING** and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING.** Matt Gfeller, 647-4551, home; 647-6754, mobile. 10-49-tfc

## 11—Feed, Seed & Grain

**HAY FOR SALE:** Small square bales. Oats, \$3.75; alfalfa, \$4.95. Nazareth Feed and Supply, 945-2291. 11-17-tfc

## 12—Farm Produce

**CORN SILAGE**, forage sorghum silage and cotton burrs for sale. 1980 Chevrolet feed truck with 320 Oswalt box. Call 647-4544 or 647-4551. 12-38-tfc

## 14—Automobiles

**GOOD, USED VEHICLES** and travel trailers. New utility trailers and used livestock trailers. Consignments welcome! Financing available. Big Country Homes, 293-4205. 14-2-2tc

**FOR SALE:** 1994 Cougar XR7, loaded, low mileage, excellent condition. Loan value \$6,200. Will take \$6,500. Call 647-2646 after 5 p.m. 14-2-tfc

## 18—Services

**HORSE SHOING**—15 years experience. Dave Jones. 364-4699. 18-48-tfc

**Holland's Painting**  
Interior and Exterior  
FREE ESTIMATES  
938-2200

## 19—Students Wanting Work

**NEED YOUR LAWN MOWED?** Call Jason or Casey Hargrove at 647-2646. 20-2-tfc

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## 20—Help Wanted

**MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST** FT Transcriptionist with 1-2 years experience in hospital or clinic setting. Must have knowledge of medical terminology and be able to type 60-70 wpm. Computer skills necessary. Flexible hours. Castro County Hospital District 310 W. Halsell Dimmitt. 647-2191. 20-2-1tc

**WANTED: DEPENDABLE**, experienced babysitter for two year old boy. Clean environment and references required. 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. Call 647-0672. 20-2-tfx

**HELP WANTED:** Experienced rig operator or capable rig trainee. Call (806) 364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump Co., 1206 East New York Avenue, Hereford, Texas. 20-2-2tc

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Dimmitt, needs workers to keep pre-school children (birth-3 years) Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:45 a.m. \$5.15/hour. References/criminal record check required. Applications available in church office. 20-2-2tc

**CASTRO COUNTY** Commissioners Court is now taking applications for a Veterans' County Service Officer. Qualifications and descriptions may be obtained at the County Judge's Office. Applications may be obtained at the County Treasurer's Office and may be submitted until April 28, 2000, at 5 p.m. Castro County is an equal opportunity employer. IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge 20-2-2tc

## 22—Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 945-2553. 22-1-4tc

### NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro or Briscoe Counties of Texas to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Trust Department of Norwest Bank of Plainview, 205 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street or PO Box 7, Plainview, Texas 79073-0007. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 2000. 22-51-5tc

## TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



**TexSCAN Week of April 9, 2000 ADOPTION**

*Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.*

**TEACHER WHO WANTS** to be stay at home mom! As a high school teacher, I know how difficult this time is for you. Answer our prayers and let us help you by giving your baby a life of love, happiness and security. Expenses paid. Please call Dena/Keith anytime. 1-877-315-BABY.

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**ATTN. DRIVERS: FLEETWORK** Transportation hiring long-haul flatbed drivers. Peterbilt equipment. Guaranteed home time and complete package of benefits. Also need long-haul owner operators. 1-800-458-4279.

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**DRIVERS: CFI NOW HIRING!** OTR drivers. Company and owner operators. Super teams split up to 40-company. 84-owner operators. 1-800-CFI-DRIVE. www.cfidrive.com.

**DRIVERS - LONG HAUL** drivers needed. Class-A CDL required. Student graduates welcome. Continental Express, 1-800-727-4374.

**DRIVERS - LOOK AT THE options!** Various types of runs for van, flatbed, and owner operators. CDL training is available. Call for more information now. Swift Transportation 1-800-284-8785 (see-uv).

**DRIVERS- WHEN IT** comes to benefits, we've got all the bells and whistles. \*Paid weekly. \*Great pay. \*\$1,000 sign-on bonus. \*Training opportunities. SRT-1-877-BIG-PAYDAY (1-877-244-7293) Toll Free.

**DRIVERS-OWNERS OPS:** Run regional. Home weekly! Paid: Base plate, permits, fuel taxes. 81 cpm. Loaded and empty plus fuel surcharge. 1-800-454-2887. Arnold Transportation.

**EXPERIENCED DRIVERS ONLY** to haul cattle. Must be able to run teams. Excellent pay. Good equipment. Holman Cattle Company 1-800-234-9714.

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**WANTED: EXPERIENCED FLATBED** drivers. Earn \$41/mile, excellent benefits, including health, dental, vision insurance, guaranteed home time & more. Call Wildcat Enterprises, Inc. at 1-877-285-8756 today for details.

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9. Agricultural services
10. Feed, seed and grain for sale
11. Farm produce for sale
12. Livestock and pets
13. Automobiles for sale
14. Recreational vehicles
15. Auto parts and supplies
16. Business opportunities
17. Services
- 18A. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
21. Notices
22. Lost and found
23. Cards of thanks
24. Legal notices

## 23—Lost & Found

**LIGHT RED** two-year-old heifer, about 1,000 pounds. J on left hip. Strayed from E. of Sunnyside. 938-2110, David Smith. 23-1-2tc

## 25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2370**  
THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE BROCKMAN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS  
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE BROCKMAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of CATHERINE BROCKMAN, Deceased, were issued to RALPH BROCKMAN on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending and he now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following address: MR. RALPH BROCKMAN, PO Box 143, Nazareth, Texas 79063. 25-2-1tc

## 24—Card of Thanks

### CARD OF THANKS

How do we say thank you to so many special people? We wish to thank everyone for sharing in Melinda's basketball career these past years at Nazareth and Texas Tech. The experience has been unbelievable. Thanks to the *Castro County News* for all the great newspaper articles, to everyone who sponsored the tribute page, and to each and everyone of you who sent cards and good wishes over these past years. Your support has been immeasurable, and we will always cherish your friendship.

MELINDA & CHET PHARIES  
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## 3—Real Estate For Rent

### APARTMENTS

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We have Rent Assistance for qualified tenants (agricultural workers)



For more information, call (806) 647-3406 Night 647-2677 Miguel Velasquez, Manager



25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly Report, filed with us on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000, and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are in the sum of \$1,810,668.46.

FIRST UNITED BANK—DIMMITT, TEXAS

Working Fund Balance	Certificates of Deposit
General Fund \$1,254,319.23	
Precinct #1 \$90,236.26	
Precinct #2 \$114,909.37	
Precinct #3 \$67,631.75	
Precinct #4 \$283,571.85	

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2000.  
 IRENE MILLER, County Judge  
 NEWLON ROWLAND, Pct. 1 Commissioner  
 CLYDE DAMRON, Pct. 2 Commissioner  
 BAY BALDRIDGE, Pct. 3 Commissioner  
 DAN SCHMUCKER, Pct. 4 Commissioner  
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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION TO MERGE DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

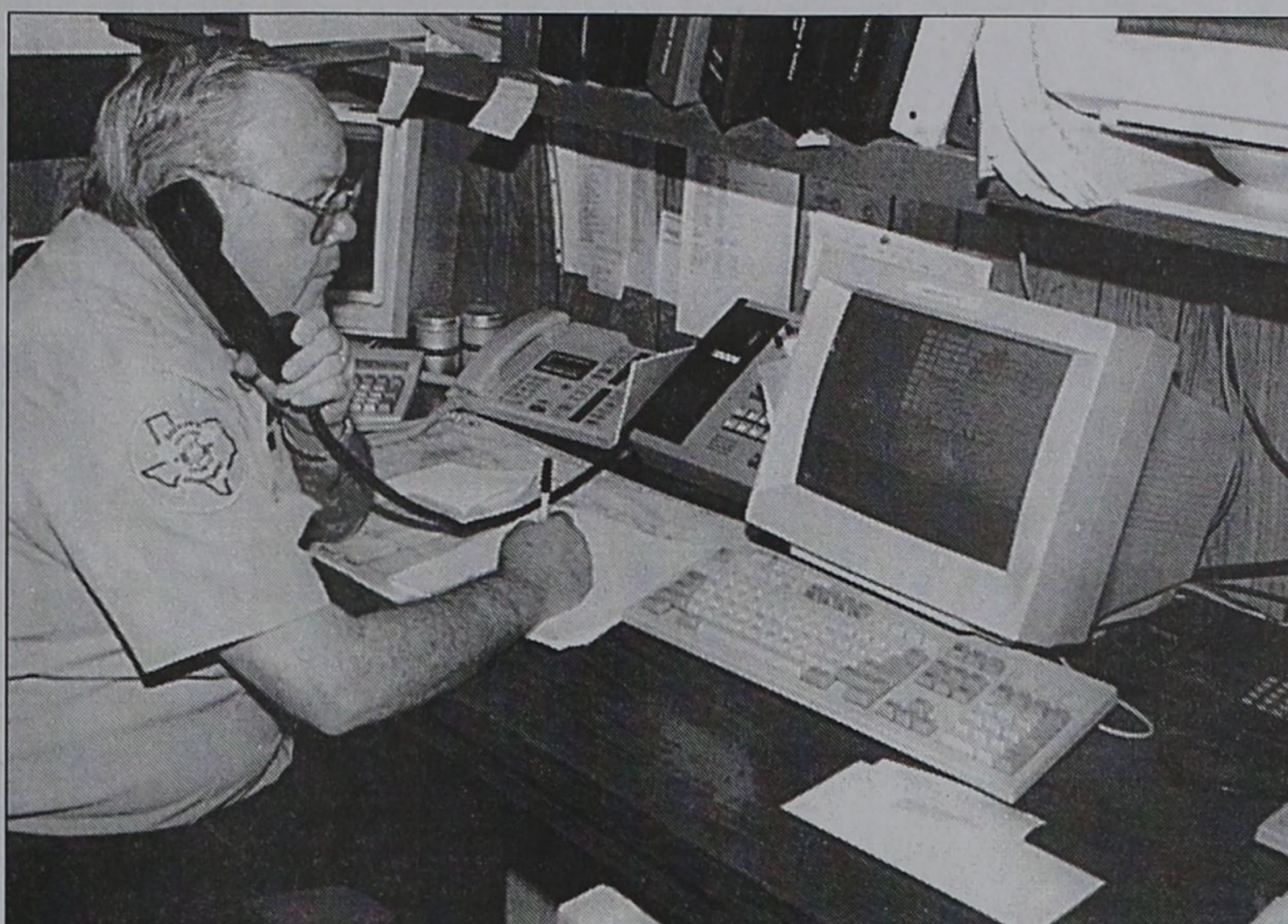
This is to inform the public that First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, and First National Bank, Sudan, Texas, filed an application on or about March 23, 2000, to merge (the "FDIC Application") with the surviving institution to be First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Any person wishing to comment on the FDIC Application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director (DOS) of the FDIC at its regional office, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201 no later than April 28, 2000. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

25-2-2tc(e)

The first airline to establish scheduled passenger service by airplane was the St. Petersburg-Tampa Air Boat Line of St. Petersburg, Fla., which commenced flight operations on Jan. 1, 1914.

When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it—this is knowledge.

-Confucius



NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK is being observed April 9-15. Jerry Jansa, a Castro County Sheriff's deputy, is one of the five local people who man the telecommunications station at the Sheriff's Office in Dimmitt, where 911 calls and other emergency and law enforcement calls are received. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## April 9-15 observance honors public safety communicators

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is being observed April 9-15, and Castro County has five local telecommunications workers who serve in the Castro County Sheriff's Office.

Jerry Jansa, Michael Colley, Chris Fuentes, and Becky Hargrove are full-time telecommunications and Wendy Alldridge works part-time.

Jansa said the telecommunications work is handled by one worker at a time. That person must answer the 911 phone, relay radio calls between law enforcement and other emergency personnel, answer the Sheriff's Office phone, and greet visitors who come to the office.

The 911 telephone system has been in place here since about 1992,

Jansa said, when a minimal installation was made. It has been upgraded since then, with two dedicated telephone lines and an Automatic Location Identification system installed.

When a 911 call is received, the telecommunications office has a computer screen that shows the number of the phone that was used to dial the 911 call. It also usually shows the name and address that the phone company has on file for that phone number.

Jansa said that system is in place only for the incorporated areas of the county. He said even though rural roads have been numbered, the rural addressing system has not been completed for every location yet.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in charge of the mapping in the 26-county area of the Panhandle, according to Jansa. He said it is not going as quickly as some had hoped.

Jansa said Pamela Nielson, director of emergency communications for the PRPC, told him that most of the mapping is done and it will be the latter part of July when rural addresses will begin to be assigned. Then they will be downloaded into the current data base.

Currently, if a rural phone is used to call 911, the address shown on the 911 computer screen will just read "county," which leaves a wide area to cover for emergency responders.

However, Jansa said that rural residents can call the Sheriff's Office and give directions to their home and he can manually enter that information into the 911 database.

"Please do NOT call 911 to give your location information," Jansa said. "Just call the Sheriff's Office number at 647-3311, so that it will not tie up the 911 system."

Jansa said it is important for all local callers to realize that the 911 system is designed for a fast response to emergency situations.

"In every case where we receive a 911 call and we can't speak to someone at the calling location we call back and try to verify whether there is an emergency situation," Jansa said. "If we can't verify it, then a peace officer is sent to the location."

Jansa said that many 911 calls end up being labeled a "spurious" call, meaning that it originated from an unknown cause. He said that voltage surges in cordless phones can cause a low pulse signal that could originate a 911 call.

However, he said that many of the hang-up or no response calls they get can be attributed to children playing with telephones.

"We encourage parents to tell their children about the 911 system and show them how to dial it," Jansa said. "But they also should not be allowed to use the telephone as a toy and they should not dial 911 as a form of amusement."

Jansa said the time it takes for a peace officer to check out a hang up call could be crucial if a real call came in at the same time.

Callers who dial 911 to report an accident or fire or other emergency should not get upset or impatient if their call is not answered immediately, Jansa said. He said many times the system may receive numerous calls about the same incident.

"The telecommunications person may be on the other line speaking to someone else about the same situation or perhaps even another emergency," Jansa said. He said callers should stay on the line and then give their information politely and concisely.

When the 911 center receives calls from persons wanting to know what time it is, what officers are on duty, or what the score was from the latest ball game, the telecommunicator will decline to answer such questions on the 911 line.

Jansa said the telecommunicator will explain to the caller that the 911 system is for emergencies only and the person will be asked to call back on the Sheriff's Office line at 647-3311.

The 911 system has direct connections available to the South Plains Association of Governments Emergency Medical Service Communications Center in Lubbock, as well as the Poison Control Center, the Crisis Intervention Hotline, the Suicide Prevention Hotline, and ChemTrek, a national clearinghouse for chemical emergency information.

Telecommunication workers do not have to have law enforcement certification, but recent legislation has mandated that they receive periodic training.

Jansa said that telecommunicators generally do not dispense medical instructions over the phone, but rather connect the caller to medical personnel who can instruct the caller.

However, he said he recalls an incident in which an infant's life was saved when the telecommunicator instructed a caller in how to perform mouth to mouth resuscitation on the baby, which was choking. While the telecommunicator was on the phone with the caller, a deputy was able to look at the 911 screen, find the address of the caller, go there and transport the infant to the emergency room in his patrol car.

Jansa said the infant survived with no ill effects.

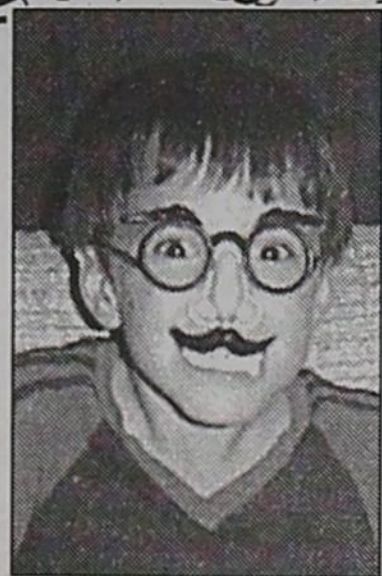
"It could have been serious without the 911 system," Jansa said.

He added, "If people are in doubt whether a situation is an emergency or not, we want them to go ahead and call. The responder will explain to the caller whether they need to call back on the regular line or not."



'THE ADMIRAL'S WEDDING' is the name of this futuristic ensemble modeled by Carla Nutt of Dimmitt in the Ogallala Quilters' "Intergalactic Fashion Show" Thursday night. The ensemble was designed and made by Jeannie Sexton of Cutara, Ky., and is the fourth in her "surrealistic space suit" series. The suit is made mainly of silver tissue lamé, texturized with steam and free-motion stippling, and echo-quilted with variegated metallic threads. Photo by Don Nelson

21, My Favorite Son  
 Bucky to James,  
 too many names.  
 Always a clown  
 never a frown.  
 Smile! Love you more!  
 Mom, Ken, BoBo, Tangi  
 Booger & Sugar



# Obituaries

## Mildred Anderson

Funeral services for Mildred Edith Luttrell Anderson, 83, of Plainview, the mother of a Hart woman, were to have been held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church-Family Life Chapel in Plainview with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of Plainview's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was to follow in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Anderson died April 9 at 4:04 p.m. at Prairie House Living Center.

She was born April 7, 1917, in Lakeview. She graduated from Floydada High School and lived and farmed near Hart and Stinnett. She married Johnathan Clay Anderson on Nov. 8, 1935, in Lockney. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plainview and of the Business & Professional Women's Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 4, 1998.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Gaylia and Weldon Davis of Hart; a son and daughter-in-law, Gayland and Zelda Anderson of Lubbock; two sisters, Ruth Clark of Irving and Juanita Teeple of Plainview; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

## Ben Fowler

Ben Fowler, 84, of Smyer, former Dimmitt farmer, died last Wednesday, April 6, at Covenant Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Virgil Osborn Auditorium at the Smyer school with the Rev. E.G. Lambright, director of Missions South Plains Baptist Association; and the Rev. Bill Oliver, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sundown, officiating.

Burial followed in Levelland under the direction of Geo C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fowler was born Nov. 1, 1915, in Chillicothe. He married Sylvia Marie Strange on April 24, 1937, in Clovis, N.M.

He farmed in Chillicothe, Friona, Tulia and Dimmitt until 1962. He moved to Claytonville, where he resided until 1966 when he moved to Smyer.

He owned and operated Fowler Grocery and Hardware in Smyer until he retired in 1980. He served on the Smyer City Council and was mayor in the early 1970s.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Allen, in 1992.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jimmy Fowler and David Fowler, both of Smyer, and Thomas Fowler of Levelland; a daughter, Lou Ann Neal of Smyer; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Robert William Sheffy  
 Memorial services for Robert William Sheffy, 76, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

His body was donated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Sheffy died at 6:55 p.m. last Wednesday, April 5, in Dimmitt.

He was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Dimmitt. He grew up in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1941. He joined the US Navy in 1943 and he served on the U.S.S. McKee in World War II. He was awarded 11 battle stars.

After the war, he returned to Dimmitt and married Mildred Morris on Aug. 14, 1946, in Dimmitt. She died on Sept. 15, 1998.

He married Virgie Gibson of Amarillo on March 14, 1999.

Mr. Sheffy sold cars for 40 years. He served as the Castro County Veterans Officer for many years. He also farmed and raised cattle for the past 10 years or so.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and a brother, Ted Sheffy.

Survivors include his wife, Virgie Sheffy; three daughters, Janie Vick of Dimmitt, Connie Sheffy and Robbie Sheffy, both of Fort Worth; a son, Joe Sheffy of Katy; two brothers, Don Sheffy and Rex Sheffy, both of Dimmitt; three sisters, Ruth Jackson of Dimmitt, Dorothy Bond of Colorado and Tommy Bills of Earth; and four grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice Care, 112 W. Jones, Dimmitt 79027.

Perry Lilton Hoyer  
 Funeral services for Perry Lilton "P.L." Hoyer, 84, of Dimmitt, were to have been held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in Castr Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

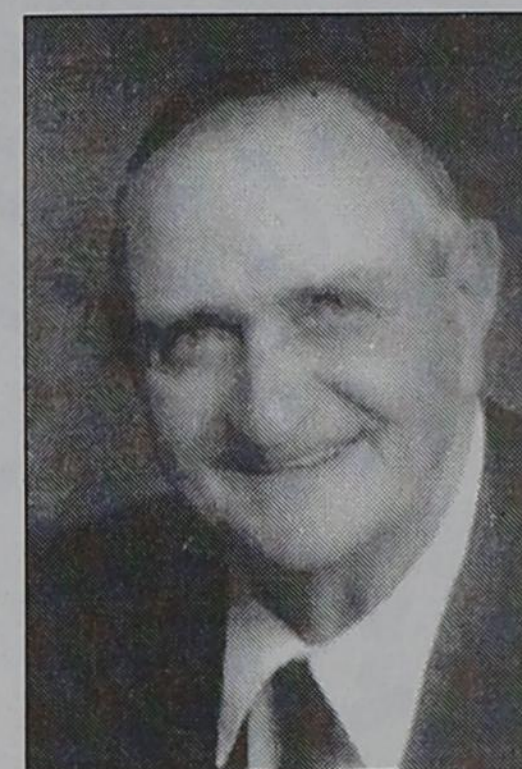
Mr. Hoyer died April 9 at 11:15 p.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 15, 1915, in Cleburne. He married Pauline Harris on Nov. 15, 1972, in Sunnyside. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eileen Hoyer, in 1963, and his daughter, Latrelle Hoyer, in 1972, and also by two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Hoyer moved to Castro County in 1940. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was involved in farming and ranching for 63 years. He was a member of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church since 1945.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Perry Eugene Hoyer of Chicago, Ill., David Duane Harris of Pearland, and Stanley Harris of Idalou; two daughters, Bobbie Ralls of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Paula Portwood of Dimmitt; a brother, O.E. Hoyer of Everman; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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## Perry Lilton Hoyer

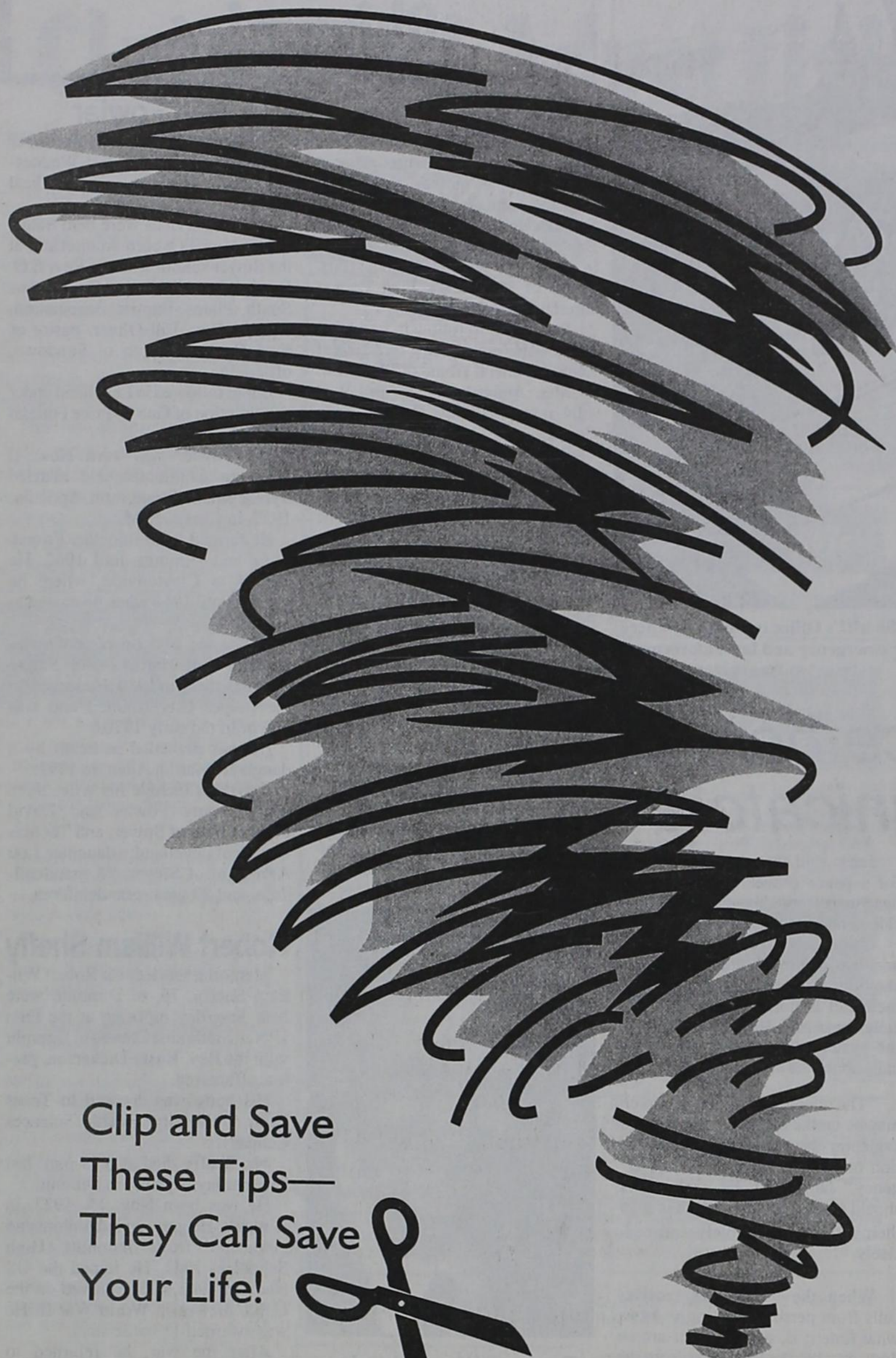
Hope is a good breakfast but it is a bad supper. -Francis Bacon

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# Know what to do in case of tornado or lightning storm

## Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County, however, the courthouse basement is made available during threatening weather. If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of a siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

**IN HOMES:** Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

**IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:**

Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

**IN MOBILE HOMES:**

Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building. If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

**IN SCHOOLS:**

If school building is of strongly reinforced construction stay inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS—** they usually have poorly supported roofs!

**IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:**

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

**IN VEHICLES:**

Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

**IN OPEN COUNTRY:**

Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

**IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines and are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

## Lightning Storm Safety Rules

Move indoors immediately.

Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes. Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

**IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:**

Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

**ON THE GOLF COURSE:**

Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

Avoid open areas and trees. Move away from golf carts.

**NEAR WATER:**

If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

Boaters should head for shore immediately.

Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

**IN ANY LOCATION:**

Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

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Tornado Watch: High-low tone eight times  
Tornado Warning: Solid blast

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Tornado Warning: Long steady blast  
Tornado Watch: Three blasts

#### NAZARETH

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Fire: Intermittent signal at 1-minute intervals

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